ME61
C2

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH AND SIXTH ANNIVERSARIES

OF THE

General Baptist Convention of California,

HELD WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH, 1886,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OAKLAND, MAY 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH, 1887,

AND OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

MAY, 1887.

BACON & COMPANY, PRINTERS, SAN FRANCISCO.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2022 with funding from
Kahle/Austin Foundation

https://archive.org/details/minutesoffifthsi0000cali

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

1886.

President.—John Reynolds, Esq.

Vice-Presidents.—Prof. Melville Dozier, Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

Secretary.—Wm. B. Thompson.

Assistant Secretary.—Rev. J. F. Moody.

Treasurer.—W. R. Strong.

Statistical Secretary.—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D.

Auditor.—P. D. Code.

Directors for 1889.—Rev. Chas. Button, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D., Rev. J. C. Jordan, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, E. R. Stockwell, James Balsdon, M. Starr.

Directors for 1888.—Rev. J. F. Moody, Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, Rev. J. S. Jesse, Rev. T. H. Stephens, Rev. A. M. Petty, Rev. W. H. Pendleton, G. A. Hull, Cory R. Smith, J. R. Bennett.

Directors for 1887.—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D.D., Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. E. H. Gray, D.D., Rev. A. J. Frost, D.D., P. D. Code, W. R. Strong, J. R. Mason.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA.

Moderator.—Rev. Bunyan Spencer.

Clerk.—Rev. A. W. Runyan.

Executive Committee.—Rev. A. J. Frost, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, P. D. Code.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

President.—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis.

Vice-President.—Mrs. B. C. Wright.

Recording Secretary.—Mrs. D. A. Sawtelle.

Corresponding Secretary.—Miss Augusta S. Williams.

Treasurer.—Mrs. S. B. Morse.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

President.—Mrs. C. S. Capp.
Recording Secretary.—Miss Clara P. Hull.
Corresponding Secretary.—Mrs. G. S. Abbott.
Treasurer.—Mrs. B. C. Wright.

CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President.—Rev. S. B. Morse.
Vice-President.—Rev. G. S. Abbott.
Secretary.—Rev. J. B. Hartwell.
Treasurer.—H. Garthwaite.
Executive Committee.—Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, H. Garthwaite, G. A. Hull, J. R. Bradway.

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

President.—Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D.
Vice-President.—Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid.
Secretary.—Rev. W. T. Fleenor.
Treasurer.—J. R. Bennett.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF

THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

CALIFORNIA.

FIRST DAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5th, 1886.

The Convention assembled this day at 7:30 P. M., with the First Baptist Church of this city.

President Benj. C. Wright presiding.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., the chairman appointed committees as follows:

ON ENROLLMENT.—Rev. J. F. Moody, G. M. Coulter, and J. G. Wright.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, and E. R. Stockwell.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. W. C. Spencer and M. S. Featherstone.

ON NEW CHURCHES.—Rev. Charles Button, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. A. W. Runyan, H. L. Gear and G. O. Hayford.

Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid then delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the entertaining church, and President Wright responded on behalf of the Convention.

Miss Edith Thorne, of the First Baptist Church choir, rendered in an effective manner, the beautiful solo " He Knows."

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A., being present, was escorted to the platform, and entertained the Convention with a brief but pleasing address.

The Committee on Arrrangements reported the programme for the evening to be as follows :

Sermon by Rev. P. W. Dorsey of Los Angeles.

Reports of the Committes on Enrollment and Nominations.

Election of Officers for the coming year.

After preliminary services conducted by Revs. A. J. Sturtevant and H. E. Adams, Rev. P. W. Dorsey of Los Angeles preached the anniversary sermon. Text, Matt. xvii : 19, 20.

The annual collection for State work was taken, amounting to $20.75.

The Committee on Enrollment, through its chairman, Rev. J. F. Moody, reported thirty churches and two Associations represented by delegates present.

There were three applications for membership.

Following is the roll of churches and delegates.

Alameda, First—Pastor, Rev. Geo. B. Rieman, A. R. Beesley, and S. A. Getty.

Brooklyn, First—Pastor, Rev. S. B. Morse, R. S. Clason, T. C. Brougher, Jos. Plaw, and H. Huntsman.

Chico, First—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Barnes.

Clear Lake Association—Rev. C. S. Taylor.

Dixon, First—Pastor, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, H. E. McCune, and G. M. Coulter.

Fresno, First—Pastor, Rev. J. C. Jordan, W. P. Haber, H. C. Warner, and J. M. Eastwood.

Gonzales, First—Pastor, Rev. S. C. Keetch, and Mrs. S. C. Keetch.

Los Angeles, First—Pastor, P. W. Dorsey.

Los Gatos, First—Pastor, Rev. W. H. Latourette, W. A. Stidson and D. D.

Modesto, First—Pastor, Rev. M. D. Lee, and Mrs. M. D. Lee.

Napa, First—T. N. Mount.

Oakland, First—Pastor, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., J. P. Cogswell, Mrs. E. H. Gray, and H. Garthwaite.

Oakland, San Pablo Avenue—Pastor, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, R. Hassard, and Mrs. M. Brown.

Penryn, First—Pastor, Rev. L. M. Protzman, B. Browning.

Pomona, First—Pastor, Rev. J. F. Moody.

Red Bluff, First—Pastor, Rev. C. C. Bateman.

Riverside, First—Pastor, Rev. Charles Button.

Sacramento, Calvary—Pastor, Rev. A. C. Herrick, W. R. Strong, J. F. Davis, and Mrs. J. F. Davis.

Sacramento, First—Pastor, Rev. A. J. Frost, Mrs. Fountain, Lizzie Avery, Mrs. Kidder, and W. R. Gallup.

Salinas, First—Pastor, Rev. E. B. Hatch, Mrs. J. K. Alexander, and Mrs. Geo. Abbott.

San Francisco, Chinese—Pastor, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., Lee Kwok Teen, and Lo Ping Kay.

San Francisco, Church of Pilgrims—Pastor, Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., B. Bailey, L. L. Brown, and J. C. Rogerson.

San Francisco, Fifth—Pastor, Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, P. D. Code, J. C. Robinson, and J. M. Webb.

San Francisco, First—Pastor, Rev. W. M. Kincaid, B. C. Wright, John F. Pope, A. B. Forbes, and P. U. Blunt.

San Francisco, Hamilton Square—Pastor, Rev. Bunyan Spencer, H. L. Gear, C. T. Ormsby, and David Sawtelle.

San Jose, Emmanuel—Pastor, Rev. A. W. Runyan, F. E. Caton, Mrs. F. E. Caton, and John Reynolds, Esq.

Santa Clara, First—Pastor, Rev. J. W. Henry, Mrs. J. W. Henry and Rev. O. Crittenden.

St. Helena, First—Pastor, Rev. W. C. Spencer, Mrs. Walker, and Miss Pratt.

Stockton, First—Pastor, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Mrs. A. D. Ralph, E. R. Stockwell, A. M. Rowe, and T. S. Woods.

Tulare Association—Rev. H. E. Adams, M. S. Featherstone.

Vacaville, First—Pastor, Rev. J. B. Saxton, J. S. Sherman, and J. L. Lyon.

Vallejo, First—Pastor, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Miss A. A. Jones, and Dr. B. F. Pendleton.

Wheatland, First—Pastor, Rev. T. H. Stephens.

Winters, "Hopewell"—Pastor, Rev. J. N. Burroughs.

Woodland, First—J. G. Wright.

NEW CHURCHES.

Oakland, First Swedish—Pastor, Rev. J. Liljeroth, N. P. Johnson, A. Wornquist.

Santa Rosa, First—Pastor, Rev. J. D. Jameson.

Ukiah, First—Pastor, Rev. S. L. Sanford.

The Committee on Nominations, through its chairman Rev. S. B. Morse, presented the following nominees for the ensuing year.

For President—John Reynolds Esq., of San Jose.

For Vice Presidents—Prof. Melville Dozier, of Los Angeles, and Rev. F. S. Lawrence, of Stockton.

For Recording Secretary—Wm. B. Thompson, of San Francisco.

For Statistical Secretary—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D., of San Francisco.

For Treasurer—W. R. Strong, of Sacramento.

For Auditor—P. D. Code, of San Francisco.

On motion, the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the nominees, and they were declared elected.

President Wright then welcomed and introduced his successor Mr. John Reynolds, of San Jose.

The Committee on Arrangements, through its chairman Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, presented a programme for Thursday and Thursday evening, which was, on motion, adopted.

After singing and prayer by Rev. Charles Button, the convention adjourned to meet on the following morning at nine o'clock for devotional service, and for business at half past nine.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, May 6th.

The Convention was called to order at half past nine o'clock, by President Reynolds.

Prayer—Rev. J. B. Saxton.

Hymn—"Precious Promise."

Short addresses were made by Revs. H. E. Adams, of Fresno, J. W. Weddell, of the "Baptist Standard," of Chicago, C. S. Taylor, of Clear Lake, and J. R. Baldwin, of Kansas.

Visiting brethren were requested to hand their names to the secretary.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers, through its chairman, Capt. G. A. Hull, presented the annual report, which, after being read, was on motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:

In presenting the Annual Report for the year ending April 30th, 1886, the Executive Committee would first return thanks to the Heavenly Father for the peace and harmony which have prevailed in the churches during the past year, and for the valuable work which has been accomplished.

The Executive Committee has held regular monthly meetings during the year, besides several special meetings.

All questions have received careful and prayerful deliberation, and great harmony in spirit and views has prevailed.

The indebtedness of the Convention to the New York Board at the commencement of the year amounted to about $930.

The report of the Treasurer will show that the receipts of the Convention will liquidate this indebtedness, and, with the allotment from the New York Board, will cover the appropriation for the year also.

The new year's work, therefore, will be commenced without the disheartening influence of unfulfilled obligations, which met us at the beginning of the past year.

Owing to the indebtedness to the New York Board, the Executive Committee deemed it an absolute necessity to bring the missionary work of the Convention within the means which would probably be available for that purpose.

An embarrassment, however, was found in estimating the probable amount which would be received from the churches, owing to the lateness, in the

conventional year, at which many churches remit their contributions to the Treasurer.

Early in the year the Executive Committee was informed that, owing to the financial embarrassments of the New York Board, the allottment by them for the work in this State could not exceed the amount of $2,000 for the year, over and above the contributions received from this State.

The Committee found it necessary, therefore, to recommend reduced allowances at almost every point, and in some cases to decline the endorsement of renewals of commissions, although conscious that much hardship would be entailed thereby upon the missionaries, and injury to the cause result therefrom.

They were, also, obliged to postpone endorsements for aid in new fields, where endorsements, if funds had been available, could have been wisely made.

The Committee have been gratified at the spirit in which these necessary reductions have been received by our missionary Pastors, and the people whom they serve.

This spirit is represented in the action of the church at St. Helena, upon the announcement that aid could not be longer continued. From the church clerk, W. J. G. Dawson, the following minnte was received:

"At a meeting of the St. Helena Church, held Dec. 9, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Home Mission Society for the aid extended to the church for the past two years." To which the pastor, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer (who had been with this church during the previous year, and still remains with them), added: "I desire to thank the Executive Committee for the aid received during the past year."

Under appointments of last year, aid was continued at $100 each, per annum, to Rev. A. J. Sturtevant at Vallejo, until August 30, 1885, and to Rev. W. C. Spencer, at St. Helena, until Oct. 12, 1885.

Also at $200 per annum to Rev. W. A. Jarrel, at San Louis Obispo, until Sept. 20, 1885.

The following brethren are still laboring under commissions recommended by the Executive Committee:

The aid, per annum, to each, and the dates at which these commissions expire, are herewith given:

Rev. S. C. Keetch, Gonzales, June 30, 1886, $150;

Rev. J. Fulton, San Bernardino, June 30, 1886, $175;

Rev. W. T. Fleenor, San Pablo Avenue Church, Oakland, June 30, 1886, $250;

Rev. W. H. Stenger, San Diego, Aug. 30, 1886, $150;

Rev. W. H. Latourette, Los Gatos, Aug. 31, 1886, $250;

Rev. H. E. Adams, Tulare Association, Sept. 30, 1886, $900—the Association to raise one-third of the amount;

Rev. C. W. Gregory, East Los Angeles, Oct. 30, 1886, $300.

Also Mrs. Bradway, of Oakland, Chinese Mission, June 30, 1886, $400.

In addition to the foregoing, the Executive Committee recommended to the New York Board an allowance of $100, for the quarter ending April 30, to

Rev. G. Liljeroth, laboring in connection with the Swedish Church at Oakland.

This Church has a membership of 30, and has accumulated, during the past few months, a fund of about $650 for the purchase of a lot for a church building.

Brother Liljeroth and this church are laboring with great earnestness, and are doing substantial work among our Swedish brethren.

Aid was continued to Rev. J. C. Jordan, laboring with the church at Fresno, until March 31, 1886, at $300 per annum.

Most encouraging reports have been received from this church.

During the year the church building, costing $7,000, has been completed and paid for, and other efficient work done.

Brother Jordon writes, under date of March 31, as follows :

"From this time on, the Fresno Baptist Church hopes to be self-supporting, and able also to help others.

"Many thanks for your timely assistance and uniform courtesy. We now have, in four years, a net gain of 100. Two years ago this was the only church in the county ; now there are five others.

"We expect always to be in sympathy with denominational work."

In addition to the foregoing the Committee have noted, with pleasure, the payment of the debt of $258.35 upon the church property at San Diego ; the purchase of lots for a house of worship by the church at East Los Angeles, for which $700 has been subscribed ; the dedication of the church building of the San Pablo Avenue Church, Oakland ; and the payment of $275 upon the debt remaining upon its property.

While more quarterly reports have been received this year from the Missionaries than during the previous year, yet the list is far from complete, and this renders it impracticable to present even an approximate report of the amount of work done ; but from the reports received, it is apparent that our brethren have been diligently at work, and that the Holy Spirit has attended their labors with blessings. In these partial reports we find 121 baptisms recorded, and the addition of 110 by letter and experience, to the churches served by these brethren.

The amount of contributions for Home Missions from these churches will be found noted in the Treasurer's report. Other statistics will be found in the report of the Statistical Secretary.

The Committee refer, with great pleasure, to the missionary work among the Chinese during the past year, under the following missionaries and Teachers : At San Francisco, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D., Mrs. J. L. Sanford, Miss Electra J. Booth, and Miss Nellie E. Hartwell; at Oakland, Mrs. J. R. Bradway ; at Chico, Miss Eliza Willsie ; at Fresno, Mrs. F. M. Potter and Miss Emma Shaefer. [Mrs. F. M. Potter has passed away from her labors, but her devotion and consecration to the work in which she labored for the Master, will be long remembered.] A more general report of this work will doubtless be presented by Rev. Dr. Hartwell, the Superintendent of Chinese Missions for this coast.

The Committee feel it to be exceedingly important that more efficient measures be taken to develop the latent forces of our denomination in this State. While the influence of the pastors should be all-sufficient for this work within the spheres of their own churches, yet the gathering of information for specific Missionary work, the unifying of Baptist elements in localities where Sunday School and Church organizations have not yet been effected, and the arousing of these elements for action, that organizations may be secured for permanent work, cannot be properly done, except by such direct agencies as shall be able to give time, and thought, and systematic labor, for the accomplishment of these ends. Steps to secure such agencies have been taken by several Associations within the State, and in some cases brethren have been designated by them for this missionary work; but the condition of the treasury of the Convention has not justified that measure of co-operation in these plans which the importance of this work demands. It is hoped that the contributions of the coming year will allow more extended efforts, and it is believed that these agencies, if properly selected, will arouse increased interest in the work, and secure larger offerings for its prosecution.

Impressed with these convictions, the Executive Committee, at a meeting held April 19, resolved to recommend to the Board of the Convention, the appointment of Rev. W. H. Latourette as a General Missionary for the State at large, to co-operate with such agencies as may be designated by the various Associations of the State.

The important work of the Convention—the providing means for the prosecution of our Home Missionary work—is before us.

No more powerful argument can be given for its vigorous prosecution, than is presented in the need for evangelistic work throughout the State. And this need must be apparent to every one. The responsibility for the work is clearly defined. The measure of the responsibility that rests upon individuals, or individual churches, is not for us to determine; it is enough for us to urge that such action be taken as will adequately provide for the needs before us. Something more tangible and effective than resolutions is required.

Resolutions are of no avail, unless they express the convictions of the intellect and the heart. If they express convictions, then these convictions should show themselves in efforts corresponding to the importance of the cause advocated.

While our churches have had their burdens to bear, in the prosecution of their home work, it must be manifest to all that they have not met fairly their responsibilities to the State work. These responsibilities are great, and they are increasing with the daily arrival of immigrants, who are pressing into the State in great multitudes.

The question is, Are these to be arrayed for Christ or against him?

As a matter of worldly wisdom, it is well to bear in mind the truth, that there is a law of recompense for evil, as well as for good. If we teach men righteousness, we add security to our homes and our property. The withholding of the Lord's tithes, which should be given to sustain the preaching of God's word, is hazardous in the extreme. If the money that belongs to the Lord's treasury is not used in the Lord's work, it will be wrested from its possessor by the ravages of evil that will prevail in the land. "There is that

scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

But there is a motive higher than any prompted by material interests. It is that which is prompted by love to the Master, who gave his life for the salvation of men, and who bade His disciples to publish the glad tidings of the Gospel until all men shall be brought under its influence.

The question of the hour is, whether this land shall be under the blessings pronounced upon that people whose God is the Lord, or under the curses pronounced upon those who forget God and his holy laws. This question cannot be answered by words—only in deeds; and those deeds must be such as will carry the Gospel into every town and hamlet in the State.

G. A. HULL,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

On Important Subjects in the Report of the Executive Committee—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D., Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, H. L. Gear, and David Sawtelle.

On Nomination of Directors for 1889—Rev. T. H. Stephens, Rev. L. M. Protzman, Rev. S. C. Keetch.

On Place and Appointments for Next Anniversary—Rev. J. D. Jameson, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, and F. E. Caton, Esq.

On Obituaries—Rev. C. C. Bateman, Rev. Bunyan Spencer, Rev. S. L. Sanford.

On Resolutions—Rev. E. B. Hatch, Rev. Geo. B. Rieman, Rev. M. D. Lee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for thirty minutes, to allow the Woman's Home Mission Society of California to hold a session.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Mrs. David Sawtelle presided. After prayer and singing, short addresses were made by a number of ladies representing various parts of the State. From all came reports showing favorable progress, and an increased interest in the work. A collection was taken in aid of the cause, and, after prayer, the meeting adjourned.

The Convention was again called to order.

Committee on New Churches reported that there were three applications for membership: The First Church of Santa Rosa, the

First of Ukiah, and the First Swedish of Oakland were received; and the President welcomed their representatives with appropriate remarks and the hand of fellowship.

The Committee on Important Subjects in the report of the Executive Committee, through its chairman Rev. J. B. Hartwell D.D., presented the following report:

Your Committee on Important Subjects in the report of the Executive Committee respectfully submit the following:

The lateness of the date at which many of the churches remit their contributions to the Treasurer is embarrassing to the Executive Committee, and to the Missionaries. We therefore recommend that the offerings for this purpose be made and remitted as early in the year as possible.

We recognize, with gratitude to God, the fact that funds are on hand to day sufficient to liquidate the obligations of the Convention to the Home Mission Society of New York, and to cover the appropriations for the year now closed.

We are grateful under God to the Home Mission Society, for the liberality and promptness with which it has answered the demands of this field, and for the patience with which it bore with us, continuing its appropriations to California even when we were grievously behind in the discharge of our obligations.

The rapidly increasing population in our State, and the consequent necessary enlargement of our work, will necessitate increased contributions of money; and in order to effect this, special efforts must be made to develop the liberality of our churches in this line; ever setting before us as a goal the support of our whole mission work by the churches of the State. This will be realized if every member of our churches will recognize himself as a steward of God. The churches at Vallejo and St. Helena, which were receiving aid from the Board at the beginning of the year, have undertaken the support of their own pastors, although hardly able to do so, but showing a commendable desire to be self-helpful, and to leave for still more needy fields the meager means at the disposal of the Board. We rejoice that this spirit of self-helpfulness is manifesting itself in all our churches.

We commend to our churches a hearty support and sympathy for the Chinese mission work. We deprecate the unchristian spirit toward the Chinese population manifested by so many of the people of this State. The existence of this spirit should all the more prompt us to exercise the spirit of Christ, in seeking the salvation of the souls of the heathen among us.

We specially urge upon the Convention the importance of the appointment of Rev. W. H. Latourette as a general missionary for the State, as recommended in the report, and also the enlargement of our associational work.

We recommend that each of our churches aim to realize the sum of at least one dollar per resident member, for the support of our missionary work in the State; that the pastors urge this upon the churches, and that each church hold a missionary prayer-meeting once each month, making the realizing of this amount, as well as the blessing of God upon the mssionaries and their work, the subject of special prayer.

The report was discussed at considerable length, particularly the portion relating to the Chinese.

The Committee on Arrangements presented a programme for the afternoon exercises, which was adopted.

Hymn.—"Jesus, Lover of my Soul."

Prayer.—Rev. A. J. Frost.

The Convention then adjourned, to partake of lunch prepared and served by the ladies of the church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past one, President Reynolds called the Convention to order.

Hymn.—"I Love to Tell the Story."

Prayer.—Rev. A. W. Runyan.

The discussion upon the report of the Executive Committee was resumed. Report was finally adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for thirty minutes, to permit the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of California to hold a session in the interest of their work.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. C. S. Capp.

Hymn.—"The Morning Light is Breaking."

Prayer.—Mrs. G. S. Abbott.

The time was occupied in listening to interesting remarks by ladies engaged in the work of the society. It was stated to be the intention of the organization to file articles of incorporation within a few days. After singing and prayer the society adjourned.

The Convention re-assembled, and the President announced the following committees:

On "Herald of Truth"—Rev. A. W. Runyan, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. C. C. Bateman.

On Chinese Missions—H. E. McCune, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., and Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D.D.

The Committee on Place and Appointments for next Anniversary, reported that the next meeting be held with the Emmanuel Church, San Jose, and that Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D., preach the anniversary sermon, with Rev. J. F. Moody as alternate.

The Committee on "Herald of Truth," through its chairman, Rev. A. W. Runyan, presented the following:

REPORT ON "HERALD OF TRUTH."

Your Committee on "Herald of Truth" would respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The "Herald of Truth" is one of our chief instrumentalities for the upbuilding of the Baptist faith, be it

Resolved, That we urge the pastors and laymen of our churches to take a personal interest in its success, and by all means in their power to extend its circulation in each community.

Resolved, That Rev. G. S. Abbott, D.D., should receive the heartfelt thanks of every Baptist in California, for his untiring zeal in the work of publication of the paper, and for the uniform courtesy extended to contributors and patrons.

Resolved, That Dr. Abbott has our entire confidence, and we wish him to continue his services during the coming year.

Remarks were made upon the subject by Rev. G. S. Abbott, Rev. W. H. Latourette and others, after which it was adopted.

Dr. Lee W. Munhall, who had for several weeks been holding evangelistic services in San Francisco, addressed the Convention for thirty minutes.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report, by its Chairman, Rev. E. H. Gray, D.D.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully report, first of all, that we desire to be devoutly thankful to Almighty God, and to congratulate the Baptist denomination, for the glad intelligence reaching us, that the American Baptist Missionary Union has closed the year with all its liabilities met, and its debt of $50,000 canceled. This is the first time the Union has closed its

yearly work entirely free from debt, for twenty years. "What hath God wrought?"

Further, it is worthy of note, that in cancelling this indebtedness, Dr. Edward Judson, son of the sainted missionary, has raised towards its liquidation the sum of $25,900.46, chiefly from Sunday School children, and largely in ten-cent offerings. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth."

This world is a foreign mission field. God has sent his Son as the first great Foreign Missionary. He came a long way, commissioned by the Eternal Father to bring the message of salvation to a far-off, alien race. And on retiring from the field personally, He commissioned his church to "go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," assuring his people that his presence should accompany them to the end of time. Hence, the Christian church, like its founder, must necessarily possess a missionary spirit.

Christianity, which has God for its author, is the only religion for the world. Vedism, Brahminism, Buddhism and Hinduism reveal no true God, and know not the Son of God as the Savior of the world. But all the lands where these superstitions prevail are missionary fields today, and all are white for the harvest. These fields are immensely vast, and the prospects of success are encouraging.

Burmah, embalmed in our hearts, because associated with the names of some of the best and greatest missionaries of modern times, presents new facilities for Christian labor, by the conquest of British arms in upper Burmah. The Chinese number $350,000,000; they exert an influence in the world, today, greater than that of any other Eastern nation. Christianity in that empire moves slowly, but there is progress. Japan contains a population of 36,000,000. They are the Europeans of the East. They are seized with the impulse of reform. There are indications that Japan will be the first of the great modern pagan nations to become Christian. No mission in the world, past or present, has had such a marvellous record as that to the Telugus. Almost a nation there has been born in a day. The spirit of Christianity is beginning to stir the sluggish heart of India. Then comes the great Congo country, just opened to the world, with a population of 50,000,000, equal to that of the United States, turned over to our care: a dark continent waiting for light. So, on every hand, the heathen world waits.

And in view of these facts, your committee suggest:

1. That the monthly concert of prayer for Foreign Missions be observed by all our churches.

2. That pastors preach upon the subject of Missions, and see that Missionary intelligence is circulated among their people, and take an annual collection for this object.

3. That we especially commend to the sympathies, the prayers, and financial aid of our churches, all Missionaries and their work now in the Foreign field, whether in Europe, Asia, Africa, or the isles of the sea. And may the prayer of the psalmist be ours: "God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us: that thy way may be known upon the earth, and thy saving health among all nations.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Baptist Convention of California,
In account with W. R. STRONG, *Treasurer.*

1885.

Cash Balance	$ 60 87
Collection at Los Angeles	17 15
Santa Barbara	5 25
Hueneme Station	2 00
Woman's Home Mission, Oakland	7 00
Woman's Mission, Oakland	29 35
" " Stockton	33 00
" Mission Collection at Association	12 70
Sacramento River Association	71 77
Sale of San Juan Church	70 00
Woman's Mission Society	60 00
" " Oakland	29 50
" " Riverside	10 00
" " East Oakland	11 00
Rev. W. O. Wood	2 28
1st Church, Oakland	131 00
Dr. Parker of Los Angeles	50 00
San Juan Property	40 00
Chas. Baker, pr. Rev. Button	35 00
Zion Ch. S. F. Woman's Mission	9 00
East Oakland Woman's Mission	23 00
Fresno Ch. Mite Box	28 45
San Jose Emanuel Ch. Woman's Mission	10 50
Los Gatos Woman's Mission	3 00
1st Oakland " "	26 40
1st San Francisco Woman's Mission	27 15
San Diego Woman's Mission	25 00
Hamilton Square, San Francisco	7 25
Woman's Mission, Oakland	49 00
Received for Minutes of Convention at Los Angeles	52 90
St. Helena Church	20 00
Santa Ana Church	40 50
Duarte Church	27 00
Eureka Church	8 00
1st Stockton Church	82 15
1st San Francisco Church	42 90
1st S. F. Sunday School	50 00
Sacramento Calvary Church	88 50
Sale of San Juan Church	100 00
Dixon Church	75 75
Riverside Church	45 00
Los Angeles Church	78 00
Carried forward	$1,597 32

Brought forward	$1,597 32
Tulare Association	18 000
Berkeley Church	31 60
1st Oakland Church	17 55
San Jose Church	40 25
Oakland Brooklyn Church	12 00
Chico Church	11 00
Sacramento Church	50 00
Woman's Mission, Oakland	2 00
Los Gatos Chapel	8 10
Ukiah Church	2 00
Wheatland Church Mission	7 00
1st Church, Los Angeles	128 80
Total	$2,087 62

Cr.

Cash to A. B. H. M. Society, N. Y.	$1,754 90
Paid for Minutes	52 90
Stationary for S. B. Morse	5 00
To Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D.	5 75
Exchange on N. Y. Drafts	3 75
Cash, Balance on Hand	265 32
Total	$2,087 62

The Committee on Chinese Missions presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON CHINESE MISSIONS.

First—That whatever may be our individual views on the subject of Chinese Immigration, we have all united in the sentiment that the education of the people of China in the principles of the Bible, and their conversion to Christianity, is worthy of the sympathy of every Christian heart and the work of every Christian hand.

Second—That the work of evangelization among the Chinese, as now conducted under the care and management of Rev. Dr. Hartwell, is worthy of our hearty sympathy, co-operation and prayers.

Third—That the cause of Chinese Missions on this coast should receive such endorsement and suffrage as will tend to its very great enlargement and efficiency.

Fourth—That we have the fullest confidence in the genuineness of the conversion of the scores of Chinese that have united with our churches on this coast.

The Committee on Publication Society, through its Chairman, Rev. J. C. Jordan, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your committee to whom was committed the task of preparing a report on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society, offers the following:

The power of the press for good or evil is apparent to all. When sanctified and set apart to the service of God, the press is a mighty agency for winning the world from evil, and training men in the truth.

The apostles used the pen as well as the pulpit, and employed written truth to guide the faith and intelligence of the people. And so from the first century down to the nineteenth, the pen and the press have been potent factors in the work of Evangelism. We believe that no human agency in our time is doing more to stimulate thought, mould human character, and decide moral and eternal destinies, than the printing press. As some one has said:

"The mightiest of the mighty means,
On which the arm of progress leans,
. . . . . .
The mightiest of them all—*The Press.*"

Luther said: "Printing is the latest and best gift by which God enables us to advance the cause of the Redeemer." And the monks of his time said: "We must put down printing, or it will put us down." If this be true—which but few, if any, will question—how cheering the fact, that the great publishing and distributing agency of the American Baptist Publication Society is doing such a grand and mighty work at present. This Society is now annually sending out to the world more than 600,000,000 pages, or more than 2,000,000 for every working day in the year. During the 61 years of its existence, it has put in circulation more than 15,000,000,000 pages of sanctified and soul-saving literature. The influence for good of such a mighty work, eternity alone can reveal. Thousands of the living and of the dead could say, with Baxter: "Thus it was by means of books alone that God was pleased to resolve me for himself." Doddridge, Wilberforce and Leigh Richmond, themselves saved to Christ by means of the printed page, wrote books which, under God, have been the means of the salvation of uncounted thousands. In our own denomination, such ministers as Spencer H. Cone, Leonard Fletcher, Adoniram Judson, J. G. Oncken, Andreas Wiberg, Gen. A. T. Hawthorne and George C. Lorimer testify to God's power to save and guide them in the path of duty, through means of the printed page. The books and tracts published by our beloved society will live on and do good when those now engaged in their distribution shall have passed to their reward.

Next to the Bible and the living ministry, perhaps there is no one agency which has done more in the last half century to develop denominational life and spread the truth as Baptists believe it, than the American Baptist Publication Society. Its field of operations extends over the United States and Canada, and its work is carried on in Sweden, Germany, France, Italy, Turkey and Armenia, at a cost of more than half a million dollars annually. In its employ are 86 missionaries and colporteurs, who last year reported as direct and immediate results of their labors, 704 baptisms, 50 churches and 462

Sunday-schools organized; preached 11,777 sermons, held 646 institutes, and distributed more than 6,000,000 pages of tracts. This Society has done much for California in the way of circulating its literature, giving aid to weak churches and Sunday-schools, and through its missionary, Rev. Dr. Abbott, in forming new schools and churches, and doing general missionary work. A single illustration will show the wisdom of its missionary labor. Through the labors of Dr. Abbott, four years ago, a church of seven members was organized in Fresno. This church to-day is self-supporting. It has a membership of 107, a new house of worship, costing $7,500, all paid for, and it raised for benevolent purposes last year, more than $350.

Besides all this, the Society keeps on hand at its depository in Oakland, under the charge of Dr. Abbott, more than 1,200 volumes of its newest and best publications, which are sold as cheaply as in Philadelphia, where they are published. Through the Oakland agency they are prepared to furnish the churches and Sunday-schools of California anything needed in the line of Baptist literature.

We need the aid this Society can give us, in helping to evangelize the multitudes coming to our State to make for themselves homes, and we are recreant to duty if we lay not hold of its strength in this hour of mighty conflict. The time has fully come when, as a denomination, we should "enlarge our borders and strengthen our stakes," for a great ingathering of souls, which shall thrill the ages with joy.

And now, in view of the foregoing facts, your committee recommend the following:

1. That all the churches and Sunday-schools in the State purchase and use the literature of our Society, and, to the extent of their ability, become centers for its distribution.

2. That each church and Sunday-school purchase its supplies through Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., of Oakland, California, the Society's Missionary for this State; otherwise California gets no credit for the literature sold.

3. That each Baptist Church in the State sustain a Baptist Sunday-school, and thus increase its efficiency.

4. That Sunday-school Institutes be held in as many parts of the State as practicable, under the leadership of Dr. Abbott, and that the pastors and superintendents co-operate with him so as to make them helpful.

5. That "Children's Day," and "Bible Day" be observed by each church and Sunday-school in the State, and that a collection be taken by them, on those days, for the benevolent work of the Society.

We further recommend that the present headquarters of the American Baptist Publication Society's operations in this State be removed from Oakland to this city; and that the managers of the Society be urged to establish, at their earliest convenience, a Branch Depository for the whole Pacific coast, with head-quarters in San Francisco. Such a course would, we believe, not only prove a blessing to the whole Pacific Coast, but also greatly enlarge the work of the Society.

Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., presented the following names as nominees for Trustees of California College for the class whose terms expire in 1889.

Rev. J. W. Parker, D.D., Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. J. H. Garnett, Rev. Chas. Button, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., W. R. Gallop, G. M Coulter, C. M. Whitmore; and for the vacancy in the class of 1888, Rev. P. W. Dorsey. They were approved and declared elected.

The Committee on Arrangements reported a programme for the evening session.

Hymn—"Nearer My God to Thee."

Prayer—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.

The Convention adjourned till 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. A large audience was present.

Hymn—"Trusting Jesus."

Prayer—Rev. A. W. Runyan.

The Committee on Education, through its chairman, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Christianity and education are words that touch each other. Colleges and Universities are the children of Christianity. Our Savior was pre-eminently a teacher. And Bible Christianity has ever rocked the cradle of culture, and founded and fostered educational institutions. No denomination of Christians can be loyal to their Lord and true to the record our faith has made, without preparing facilities for the intellectual and moral development of its youth. It is not enough to say that institutions exist about us. The subject cannot be dismissed in this summary manner. There is not a school on the Coast that does not teach, directly or indirectly, something that is poisonous to the Baptist faith. The schools about us are Pedobaptist, Roman Catholic, or practically agnostic. Shall our Sunday-school teachers be untrue to the truth which has cost the blood of an adored Master, and of the historic father of our faith?

Shall Baptist mothers instill into the children of tomorrow the sickly miasma of either ritualism or rationalism? Shall there be in our pulpits men without denominational nerve? May we ask a question more remote still—and history warrants us in asking it—Shall there be any Baptist denomination in California if there be no Baptist School?

This question is one of the oldest and newest of all those which have agitated the minds of our brotherhood in California. But it will not, and must not, down.

Your Committee urge the importance of immediate action in the matter of denominational education. If it ever was true, that he who gives quickly gives doubly, it is practically true with the California Baptist College enterprise today.

The educational outlook in Southern California is quite hopeful, and prospects are brightening. The citizens of Los Angeles have guaranteed to the Baptist Educational Committee of the Los Angeles Association $30,000, and a campus of fifteen acres of land, on the condition that a building costing $10,000 be erected by September 1st, 1887.

Every step for our College during the past year has revealed new and baffling problems. The site selected in Oakland for it, so beautiful for situation, so much praised by all who have visited it, seems well nigh ready to slip from our possession. Through the industrious labor of Mr. B. C. Wright, the College Board have raised in cash and promises about $3,000, conditional on the securing of the whole amount necessary for building purposes, which is $10,000.

Unless buildings costing not less than $10,000 are on the ground by September 1st of this year, the lot is lost to this Board. The cash valuation of this ground is $15,000. We face a crisis in our affairs. It is a time for prayer. The loss of our lot is a loss not simply of dollars and cents; it is a loss of confidence, of hope, of standing, of foothold, of loyalty. There is just time enough left for success. The great Napoleon, it is reported, was once reminded at 2 o'clock that he had lost the victory. "Yes," replied the dauntless chieftain, "but there is time enough for another." Before sunset he was triumphant. The sun of the day of our opportunity is descending the western sky. We have witnessed many a defeat, but we may be victors yet.

Your Committee asks that as favorable an hour as possible be allowed this subject.

The Convention then adjourned till half past 9 o'clock Friday morning, to permit the holding of an EDUCATIONAL MASS MEETING, under the auspices of the Board of Trustees of California College. Hon. H. E. McCune presided. Addresses were made in behalf of Education by Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. Chas. Button, and others. It was finally announced that the Trustees of California College had determined to make an effort to obtain the $10,000 necessary for the College building by asking subscriptions from the audience.

The work of taking subscriptions commenced immediately, and in less than one hour the sum of $10,560 was secured.

Hymn—"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Prayer—Rev. E. H. Gray, D.D.

The meeting then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, May 7th.

The Convention was called to order at half-past 9 A. M., President in the chair.

Hymn—"Faith is a Living Power from Heaven."

Prayer—Rev. C. C. Bateman.

The report of the proeeedings of the Educational Mass Meeting of the preceding evening was read, after which Rev. C. C. Bateman offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE.

Whereas, Under the kind providence of God, we have been enabled to secure the funds necessary to establish California College at Highland Park, be it

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to each and all who in any measure have contributed to this result.

Resolved, That we shall ever hold in kindest remembrance the heroic efforts, wrought at great personal sacrifice, of our beloved brother, Benj. C. Wright, as Treasurer of the Building Fund, and that special thanks are also due to our esteemed brother, the Hon. H. E. McCune, for his noblo generosity in contributing so largely to our College.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted, by its Chairman, Rev. C. C. Bateman, the following report, which, on motion, was adopted.

IN MEMORIAM.

Your Committee on Obituaries respectfully report that the number of those whose names have been taken from the earthly and added to the heavenly roll during the past year has not been large.

On July 22d, 1885, Mrs. Rebecca Wood, an old and honorable member of the First Church of San Francisco, passed from earth to her heavenly home. For

many years she had been a member of this church, quiet and unassuming; she was beloved by all.

On March 27th of the present year, Mrs. Lucinda Morse, for years one of the best known Baptist ladies of Oakland, died at the age of eighty-five, after a Christian life of sixty-seven years, having embraced the Christian religion when but eighteen years of age. All through life she was ever ready in charity, and her kind deeds and loving words are memorialized in the hearts of many. All through life she esteemed it a pleasure to speak of how Christ had blessed her and cared for her. She had an even disposition, and was ever patient and self-sacrificing, even to her last moments, when God called her to dwell with Him, to enjoy that eternity of which she had so often spoken to others.

One month ago today, the First Church of San Francisco was called upon to mourn the loss of one who, for more than a quarter of a century, had been closely connected with its existence. Nathaniel Heath passed away from earth on April 7th last, at an advanced age. He was baptized in Boston in 1855, coming to California in 1862, and united with the mother church of our denomination on this coast a few months after his arrival. He always took a deep interest in the welfare of the church, and for many years was a member of the Board of Trustees, and was also an active worker in the Sabbath School, serving faithfully as Superintendent and teacher. The genial disposition, the warm grasp of his hand, and the kind words of greeting which were so noticeable in Brother Heath, will enshrine his memory in the heart of every Christian with whom he came in contact.

To all such Christians who serve the Lord with gladness and in faith, for a life-time on earth, when they pass the portals of immortality to dwell in the heavenly mansions, the King of kings and Lord of lords will say: "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT; ENTER THOU INTO THE JOYS OF THY LORD."

The Committee on Nomination of Directors for class expiring 1889 reported through its chairman, Rev. T. H. Stephens, the following as nominees: Rev. Chas. Button, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. J. C. Jordan, M. Starr, James Balsdon, E. R. Stockwell, Rev. J. H. Garnett, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Rev. W. T. Fleenor.

Report of Committee was adopted, and on motion, the Secretary cast the ballot in favor of all the nominees, and they were declared elected.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its Chairman, Rev. E. B. Hatch, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the General Baptist Convention of California, unusually large in delegates from all parts of the State, is about to close its fifth Anniversary Session; therefore,

Resolved, That the grateful appreciation of this body be recorded of the hearty welcome and bounteous hospitality tendered to it by the pastor and people of the First Baptist Church and the citizens of San Francisco, and that we hope in our departure to leave it a large DUE BLESSING by our acceptance of the same.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended B. C. Wright, for his untiring efforts in behalf of Baptist education, and for the fidelity and success which he displayed in the prosecution of the work.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the city press, for their consideration in publishing full proceedings of this Convention.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the special favors of the Southern Pacific Company, for the most favorable rates to delegates from interior points and return.

Resolved, That the Baptists of California desire, without regard to political parties, to place themselves squarely in favor of *prohibiting* the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, not only by statutory legislation, but by the still stronger arm of constitutional law.

The convention adjourned to permit the Baptist Educational Society and the Chinese Missionary Society to hold sessions.

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Baptist Educational Society of California was called to order by the President, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D.D. A statement was made showing the condition of the Society, amount of funds on hand, etc. Election of officers for the ensuing year being next in order, the following were elected; President, Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D.D.; Vice President, Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid; Secretary, Rev. T. Fleenor; Treasurer, J. R. Bennett.

On motion, all funds on hand were ordered turned over to the Building Committee of California College.

On motion, it was resolved to amend the Constitution, so that any person paying $25 to the College treasury shall be entitled to a life membership in the Educational Society. Rev. G. S. Abbott, Rev. S. B. Morse, and Rev. W. T. Fleenor were appointed a committee to effect that object by amendment.

The Executive Committee was instructed to prepare suitable certificates for life and annual memberships.

Rev. F. S. Lawrence and J. L. Lyon were appointed to act with the officers as an Executive Committee.

On motion of Dr. Gray, Rev. G. S. Abbott was appointed a Committee on the Adjustment of the Constitution of the Educational Society to that of the California Baptist College.

The Secretary was instructed to notify all who have not paid, to do so as soon as possible. Society adjourned.

CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This organization was called to order by Rev. S. B. Morse, president. After prayer, Rev. J. B. Hartwell gave an address upon the work of the past year, and what the requirements of the future seemed to demand. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, Rev. S. B. Morse; Vice President, Rev. G. S. Abbott; Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Treasurer, H. Garthwaite; Executive Committee, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, H. Garthwaite, G. A. Hull, and J. R. Bradway. After prayer, the Society adjourned.

The Convention was again called to order.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Statistical Secretary, presented his annual report, which, on motion was adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the Statistical Secretary was appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing the minutes for publication.

On motion, the Constitution and By-Laws were ordered to be printed with the minutes.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, President Reynolds made a few appropriate remarks, and announced the closing hymn.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. Herrick, and the Convention adjourned to meet with the Emanuel Baptist Church in San Jose, on Wednesday, May 4th, 1887, at 7.30 P. M.

JOHN REYNOLDS, President.

WM. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	No. CHS.
General Baptist Convention of Cal	Hon. John Reynolds, San Jose.	W. B. Thompson, 18 13th St., S. F.	W. R. Strong, Esq, Sacramento.	....
Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary	Mrs. C. S. Capp, 1214 McAllister St., S. F.	Miss C. P. Hull, 614 Eddy St., S. F.	Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., S. F.	....
Women's Baptist Home Mission	Mrs. G. E. Davis, 107 Ridley St., S. F.	Miss Augusta Williams, 1728 Eddy St., S. F.	Mrs. S. B. Morse, East Oakland.	....
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society	Rev. S. B. Morse, East Oakland.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, 1018 Mason St., S. F.	H. Garthwaite, Oakland.	....
Central Baptist Association	Capt. G. A. Hull, Army Building, S. F.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, 1018 Mason St., S. F.	P. D. Code, Esq, 314 Washington St., S. F.	23
Clear Lake Baptist Association	Rev. S. L. Sanford, Ukiah.	R. H. Lawrence, Esq, Lakeport.	R. P. White, Esq, Upper Lake.	10
Eastern Baptist Association	Rev. J. D. Bonner, Willow Ranch.	A. F. Snelling, Esq, Lakeview, Oregon.	Thos. Garrett, Esq, Lake City, Cal.	9
Los Angeles Baptist Association	Rev. Jeremiah Clay, Downey.	T. K. McDowell, Esq, Anaheim.	Wm. H. Pendleton, Esq, Downey.	19
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev. J. N. Borroughs, Winters.	Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Dixon.	Robt. Crane, Esq, Santa Rosa.	9
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Dea. W. A. Durham, Germantown.	U. W. Brown, Esq, Colusa.	A. E. Duncan, Esq, Willows.	20
Santa Barbara Baptist Association	Rev. E. Nisbet, D. D, Santa Barbara.	W. R. Ireland, Esq, Santa Paula.	J. A. Barker, Esq, Santa Paula.	10
Tulare Baptist Association	Rev. J. C. Jordan, Fresno.	M. S. Featherstone, Visalia.	M. P. Troxler, Hanford.	11
Unassociated Churches	.....	.....	.....	10
Trustees of California College	Hon. H. E. McCune, Dixon.	Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Dixon.	.....	....
Baptist Educational Society of Cal	Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D, Oakland.	W. B. Thompson, Esq, 18 13th St., S. F.	.....	....

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES.

Rev. H. E. Adams ..... Hanford

MISSIONARY PASTORS.

W. H. Latourette, Los Gatos.
S. C. Keetch, Gonzales.
W. H. Stenger, San Diego.
W. T. Fleenor, Oakland.
C. W. Gregory, E. Los Angeles.
Thos. Phillips, San Bernardino.
G. Liljeroth, Oakland.

TO CHINESE.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Supt., S. F.
Mrs. Jane L. Sanford, S. F.
Miss Electa J. Booth, S. F.
Mrs. T. R. Bradway, Oakland.
Miss Eliza Willsie, Chico.
Miss Emma Schaefer, Fresno.

SUMMARY.

MISSIONARIES IN CALIFORNIA.

Associational Missionaries...1	Supt. Chinese Missions 1
Missionary Pastors.....7	Missionaries to Chinese.....6

MINISTERS.

Ordained Ministers.....163	Licentiates.....9
In ministerial work 93	In Theological Seminaries...

ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES.

Associations..... 8	Churches reported to Statistical Secretary.....57
Unassociated Churches....10	
Churches organized.....14	Total number of Churches. 121

MEMBERSHIP.

Baptized during the year....431	Net gain.....585
Total gain.....1077	Total Membership.....6,034
Total loss.....492	

PROPERTY.

Value of Property...$337,795	Improvements during year.....$13,998
Indebtedness $25,410	Seating capacity.....16,100

WORSHIP.

Average Attendance at Preaching.....4,915	Annual Cost of Worship.....$52,790

BENEVOLENCES.

Foreign Missions....$1387.00	A. B. Publication Society.....$ 521.87
Home Missions..... 2337.03	Other benevolences . 2945.80
Cal. Chinese Missions. 785.65	Total benevolences..$8837.60
Higher Education.... 860.25	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Baptist Schools.....69	Volumes in libraries.....4,152
Union Schools in connection with Baptist Churches....4	Value of libraries.....$1,323
	Annual expense of schools..... 3,106
Officers and teachers (enrolled).....569	Benevolences 1833.70
Average attendance of officers and teachers.....459	Schools using our denominational literature.....44
Pupils (enrolled).....4,292	
Average attendance of pupils.....3,168	

Rev. J. B. Hartwell,
Statistical Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

1887.

President—Rev. W. M. Kincaid, San Francisco.
First Vice President—A. B. Stewart, M.D., Santa Rosa.
Second Vice President—Hon. H. E. McCune, Dixon.
Secretary—Rev. J. C. Jordan, Fresno.
Assistant Secretary—W. H. Garnett, Dixon.
Treasurer—W. R. Strong, Sacramento.
Auditor—P. D. Code, San Francisco.

MINISTERS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

President—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Vallejo.
Secretary—W. T. Fleenor, Oakland.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President—O. C. Wheeler, D D., LL.D., Oakland.
Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Los Gatos.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

President—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D.D., Oakland.
Secretary—W. B. Thompson, San Francisco.
Treasurer—J. R. Bennett, San Francisco.

TRUSTEES OF LOS ANGELES BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

President—J. W. Parker, D.D., Los Angeles.
Secretary—S. I. Merrill, Los Angeles.
Treasurer—

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

President—Mrs. S. C. Capp, 1214 McAllister St., San Francisco.
Secretary—Miss C. P. Hull, 614 Eddy St., San Francisco.
Treasurer—Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., San Francisco.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

President—Mrs. G. E. Davis, 107 Ridley St., San Francisco.
Secretary—Miss Ella Bradway, 702 Eleventh St., Oakland.

BAPTIST CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—Rev. S. B. Morse, Oakland.
Secretary—J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason St, San Francisco.
Treasurer—H. Garthwaite, Oakland.

TRUSTEES OF CALIFORNIA COLLEGE.

President—Hon. H. E. McCune, Dixon.
Secretary—Rev. J. H. Garnett, Oakland.
Treasurer—J. H. Stevens, 315 California St, San Francisco.

DIRECTORS.

Class 1887.	Class 1888.	Class 1889.
H. E. McCune,	W. H. Pendleton,	J. W. Parker,
P. D. Code,	W. R. Strong,	G. S. Abbott,
A. J. Frost,	O. C. Wheeler,	J. H. Garnett,
Robert Crane,	J. L. Lyon,	Chas. Button,
W. M. Kincaid,	S. B. Morse,	E. H. Gray,
E. R. Stockwell,	F. C. Brougher,	W. R. Gallup,
T. H. Hook,	J. C. Merryfield,	J. M. Coulter,
A. B. Stewart.	P. W. Dorsey.	C. N. Whitmore.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Class 1888.	Class 1889.	Class 1890.
J. T. Moody,	Chas. Button,	G. S. Abbott,
D. W. T. Van Doren,	J. H. Garnett,	W. M. Kincaid,
T. H. Stenger,	P. W. Dorsey,	S. B. Morse,
A. M. Pettey,	J. B. Hartwell,	E. H. Gray,
W. H. Pendleton,	J. C. Jordan,	A. J. Frost,
G. A. Hull,	W. T. Fleenor,	P. D. Code,
C. R. Smith,	E. R. Stockwell,	H. E. McCune,
J. R. Bennett.	Jas. Balsdon,	Robert Crane,
	M. Starr.	

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Name.	Moderator.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	No. Chs.
Central	F. S. Lawrence, Stockton.	J. B. Hartwell, San Francisco.	P. D. Code, San Francisco.	22
Clear Lake	S. L. Sanford, Ukiah.	C. S. Taylor, Lakeport.	R. P. White, Upper Lake.	10
Eastern	W. E. Adams, Greenville.	A. F. Snelling, Lake View, Or.	T. Garrett, Lake City.	13
Los Angeles	Chas. Button, Riverside.	J. H. Roe, Riverside.	W. H. Pendleton, Downey.	20
Pacific	S. S. Fisk, Santa Rosa.	A. J. Sturtevant, Vallejo.	R. W. Crane, Santa Rosa.	10
Sacramento River	W. A. Durham, Maxwell.	J. N. Garnett, Willows.	A. E. Duncan, Willows.	20
Santa Barbara	.....	W. H. Peck, Lompoc.	J. A. Barker, Santa Paula.	10
Tulare	J. C. Jordan, Fresno.	M. S. Featherstone, Goshen.	Robert Elder, Selma.	14
Unassociated Churches	.....	.....	.....	14
			Total	133

RULES RESPECTING APPROPRIATIONS.

RULE I. Each church receiving aid from the Convention must have a pastor, or the regular service of some minister, whose salary or compensation it holds itself responsible for, and promptly pays, according to the terms of agreement.

RULE II. Each church seeking aid must make a written request to the Executive Committee of the Board, containing definite information on the following points: The amount of aid desired; the number in the church, male and female; number of congregation; the amount of property in the church and in the congregation; the name of the pastor or minister, and amount of his salary or compensation, with the conditions and manner of its being raised and paid; and other things essential to a full and fair view of the condition and prospects of the church.

RULE III. Essential to a continuance of aid is a quarterly report to the Executive Committee of the Board, touching the following points: The general state of religious interests; the character of attendance on public worship and on the prayer-meetings; the number of additions to the church; the changes in the congregation; the amount of benevolent contributions; what missionary work has been done outside of the regular Sabbath congregations; and other things essential to a fair and full view of the condition of the church.

RULE IV. No appropriation will be made to a church for the payment of arrearages of pastor's salary, or any other debts contracted previous to the application of said church for aid from the Convention.

RULE V. Every church receiving aid must show, as a condition of the same being continued, that it contributes, as it is able, to the treasury of the Convention.

RULE VI. Churches receiving aid are requested to adopt the envelope system of weekly collections for raising money to meet the expenses of worship.

All applications for assistance, and letters of inquiry, also reports from churches and missionaries, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Convention, Rev. S. B. Morse, East Oakland.

Remittances of money, and whatever relates to the finances of the Board, must be made to Mr. W. R. Strong, Treasurer, Sacramento, Cal.

Communications relating to Convention matters should be addressed to Rev. J. C. Jordan, Fresno, Secretary, and those pertaining to statistics, to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason street, San Francisco.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. Delegates annually chosen by regular Baptist Churches, Associations, and Auxiliary Societies, in the State of California, shall constitute this organization, to be known as the *General Baptist Convention of California*.

ART. II. The object of this Convention shall be, first, to promote the preaching of the gospel, and the establishment of Baptist churches in California; second, to develop and foster Sunday school work; third, to enlist Baptist churches and Sunday schools alike in Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Publication Society work; fourth, to encourage the common educational interests of the Baptist denomination in the State; fifth, to promote denominational acquaintance, fellowship and growth.

ART. III. This Convention shall meet annually, on Wednesday evening after the first Sunday in May, or at such other times as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon a written request of not less than ten members of the Board, to alter the time or place of the annual meeting.

ART. IV. Any contributing Baptist Church to the treasury of this Convention may send three delegates; having one hundred members or over, five delegates. These numbers, in each instance, shall include the pastor or acting pastor. No church shall exceed this last number.

ART. V. Any person contributing twenty-five ($25) dollars to the treasury of this Convention shall be a life member, with full freedom to all its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted; and any person contributing one hundred ($100) dollars, shall be an Honorary Life Director of the Board of Managers, with full freedom to its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted.

ART. VI. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. There shall likewise be twenty-seven Directors, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be elected annually. These officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Managers, of which the President shall be *ex officio* the Chairman, and the Recording Secretary the Clerk. All elections shall be by ballot. At the first election of Directors they shall be chosen in classes, the term of the first to expire at the term of the annual meeting—May, 1882; the second, May, 1883; the third, May, 1884. One-third of the Directors shall be laymen. Nine of the Board of Managers shall be a quorum. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies, and to hold office until the next annual election.

ART VII. The Board shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from its number an Executive Committee of seven, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries, and appropriate all money. One of its number shall represent the northern, and one the southern part of the State. Five

shall be elected with reference to facility for business. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex officio* of the Executive Committee. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the Anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee, and act thereon; a duplicate of which, in writing, shall be presented to the annual meeting, and thereafter published in the minutes.

ART. VIII. The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State, of three members each, upon Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Sunday School, and Educational Work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational life in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work at the annual meeting.

ART. IX. Local Baptist Associations of the State are urged to become auxiliaries to the General Convention, each by the appointment of a Missionary Committee, to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the Convention in State work. Associations so co-operating may appoint three delegates to the Convention. Recommendation by these Associations of any man to represent their field shall be duly considered in the annual election of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. Any Baptist organization in California, honored by the Convention in their religious and educational work, may hold organic relation to it by the appointment of one delegate for every such organization, and provision shall be made for the consideration of the claims of such organizations at the annual meeting.

ART. XI. This Convention will co-operate with all our national Baptist Societies.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the minutes. Such alteration and amendment may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board, and adoption by a three-fourths vote.

BY-LAWS.

I. An half-hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.

II. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll, and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.

III. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall then be received.

IV. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.

V. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the Nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention effected.

VI. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.

VII. Further committees shall be appointed by the President:
First—On important subjects of the report.
Second—On the nomination of Directors.
Third.—On place and appointment for next session.
Fourth—On obituaries.

VIII. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired by any three of their number.

IX. Motions, if requested, shall be made in writing, and if lost shall not be published in the minutes, unless ordered by the Convention; if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question: "Shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

X. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience and love. All personal reflection shall be avoided. Appeals from the decisions of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

XI. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep an account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

XII. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of Churches and of Associations, an itemized account of their religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same, by Associations, in the minutes.

XIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

XIV. State work shall have special but not exclusive claims to consideration in this Convention. The reports, of not more than fifteen minutes in length, as a rule, of the Special Committees appointed by the Executive Committee shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discussions being of immediate practical relation to denominational life and work, shall have preference to sermons in the programme of arrangements.

XV. These Committees on Sunday Schools, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

XVI. Any Baptist Church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention ; provided, that if, before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by their delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee, with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

XVII. Before the adjournment of the Convention, provision shall be made for the publishing of the minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday School, Associational and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

XVIII. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

The General Baptist Convention

OF

CALIFORNIA,

HELD WITH THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN OAKLAND,

MAY 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH, 1887.

FIRST DAY.

The General Baptist Convention of California held its sixth anniversary exercises with the First Baptist Church in Oakland, on Wednesday evening, May 4th, 1887. President John Reynolds, of San Jose, in the chair. After a brief address, stating the reasons for changing the place of holding the meeting from San Jose to Oakland, the President announced the following committees:

On Arrangements: Rev. E. H. Gray, D.D., Mr. J. H. Stevens, and T. M. Merriman, of Santa Cruz.

On Enrollment: Rev. H. C. Bristol, of Los Angeles, Rev. A. C. Herrick, of Sacramento, and Capt. G. A. Hull, of San Francisco.

On Nomination of Officers: Rev. S. B. Morse, of East Oakland, Rev. Bunyan Spencer, of San Francisco, and Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, of Vallejo.

After an anthem by the choir, the Annual Sermon, in place of Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D.D., was preached by Rev. T. N. Lord, of Pasadena, from the words. "How much owest thou unto my

Lord?" Luke 16, 5. Following which, a collection was taken for State work, and an anthem was sung by the choir.

A partial report of the Committee on Enrollment was then made, whereupon, by vote of Convention, the committee was given further time to make a full report.

The report of Committee on Nomination of Officers was adopted, resulting in the election of the following officers:

President, Rev. W. M. Kincaid, of San Francisco; Vice President, A. B. Stewart, M.D., of Santa Rosa; Second Vice President, Hon. H. E. McCune, of Dixon; Secretary, Rev. J. C. Jordan, of Fresno; Assistant Secretary, W. H. Garnett, of Dixon; Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, of San Francisco; Treasurer, W. R. Strong, of Sacramento; Auditor, P. D. Code, of San Francisco.

On taking the chair, President Kincaid made a brief address, thanking the Convention for the honor conferred upon him, and asking for hearty co-operation in the discharge of his duties. Following this came an announcement of a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Convention, for Thursday morning, at nine o'clock.

The Committee on Arrangements made a partial report, which, on motion, was adopted.

Convention then adjourned, to meet at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday Morning, 9:30.

After a season of devotion, led by Rev. M. L. Rugg, of Salem, Oregon, in which many brethren took part, President Kincaid called the Convention to order. The hymn "I need Thee every Hour," was sung. The Committee on Arrangements then made a verbal report, after which the President announced the following committees:

On Nomination of Directors for 1890: Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Rev. H. C. Bristol, and W. R. Strong.

On Obituaries: Rev. J. B. Saxton, D.D., Rev. S. Keetch, and B. Browning.

On place and preacher for next Anniversary: Rev. G. S. Abbott, D.D., Rev. T. N. Lord, and E. R. Stockwell.

On Resolutions: Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, and J. H. Stevens.

On motion, the following named persons were appointed a Committee on Reception of New Churches: Rev. E. H. Gray, D.D., Rev. H. C. Bristol, Rev. J. H. Garnett, Rev. A. C. Herrick, and P. U. Blunt.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Alameda Church—Rev. Geo. B. Rieman, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. C. L. Wood.

Brooklyn Church—Rev. J. H. Garnett, R. S. Clayson, A. L. Thompson, Rev. S. B. Morse, J. W. Berger.

Central Baptist Association—G. A. Hull, G. S. Abbott, D. D., W. R. Strong.

Ceres Church—Rev. I. D. Wood, C. N. Whitmore, C. R. McDonald.

Chico Church—Rev. A. M. Russell.

Dixon Church—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., H. E. McCune, C. M. Coulter, W. H. Garnett, Miss Ida Garnett.

Emmanuel Church, San Jose—H. T. Hite, Rev. B. T. Bailey, F. C. Caton.

Fresno Church—Rev. J. C. Jordan.

Gonzales Church—Rev. S. C. Keetch.

Los Angeles First Church.—Rev. H. C. Bristol.

Los Gatos Church—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Mrs. Dr. Davis, W. A. Stidston.

Malaga Church—Rev. J. D. Fleming.

Monrovia Church—Rev. A. B. Tomlinson, Miss Bessie Morris.

Napa Church—Rev. W. R. Connelly, Mrs. W. R. Connelly, V. J. Connelly.

Oakland First Church—E. H. Gray, D. D., G. S. Abbott, D. D., J. H. Stevens, J. H. Latimer, H. Garthwaite.

Oakland, San Pablo Ave. Church.—Rev. W. T. Fleenor, R. Hewitt, Miss Emma Sutherland, Mrs. L. C. Fleenor.

Pasadena Church—Rev. T. N. Lord.

Penryn Church—B. Browning, H. H. Hart.

Red Bluff Church—Rev. C. C. Bateman.

Sacramento, Calvary Church—Rev. A. C. Herrick, Mrs. A. C. Herrick, W. R. Strong, G. A. Hayford, H. Withington, J. F Davis.

Sacramento, First Church—C. P. Cooley, Mrs. Stocker.

Salinas Church—Rev. E. B. Hatch.

San Francisco, Chinese Church—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D., Lee Kwok Teen, Fung Yuet Mau.

San Francisco, Fifth Church—Rev. D. T. Van Doren, P. D. Code, E. T. Seagraves.

San Francisco, First—Rev. W. M. Kincaid, P. U. Blunt, E. F. Joy, J. G Levensaler, O. C. Pope.

San Francisco, German—Rev. L. Glazer, Vinhus, Schalike.

San Francisco, Hamilton Square Church—Rev. Bunyan Spencer, David Sawtelle, H. L. Gray, Mrs. N. R. Larzerlere.

San Francisco, Pilgrim Church—Rev. J. N. Barry, L. P. Crane, S. B. Leavitt, A. D. Hatch.

San Jose, First Church—Rev. A. W. Runyan, Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Mrs. Abbie Darling, John Reynolds, B. M. Close.

Santa Clara Church—Rev. E. Crowell, Rev. J. W. Henry, Mrs. J. W. Henry, Deacon Sparrow.

Santa Cruz Church—Rev. T. M. Merriman, Mrs. T. M. Merriman.

Santa Rosa Church—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Robt. Crane, Mrs. Hoag.

Selma Church—Rev. H. E. Adams, Robert Elder, H. Wooster.

Stockton, First Church—Rev. S. F. Lawrence, E. R. Stockwell, A. M. Comfort, A. W. Rowe.

Tulare Baptist Association—Rev. W. W. Odum.

Ukiah Church—Rev. S. L. Sanford.

Vacaville Church—Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D., J. L. Lyon, Mrs. J. S. Sherman.

Vallejo Church—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, A. A. Jones.

Wheatland Church—Mrs. Wm. P. Colt.

Winters, Hopewell Church—Rev. H. H. Parks.

Woodland Church—Rev. J. N. Borroughs, C. T. Bidwell.

H. C. Bristol,
A. C. Herrick,
G. A. Hull,
Committee.

Following this came the report of Executive Committee on missionary work, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:

Your Executive Committee, having completed the labors of another year of Convention life, respectfully present to you the record of its transactions in the execution of the trust committed to it.

The progress we have made during the year ending April 30th, 1887, is highly satisfactory, considering the limited means that have been at our disposal. Additions, to the number of nearly two hundred, have been made to the churches to which we have granted aid, of which number fully one hundred were added by baptism. Our missionary force has been recruited by some earnest, consecrated workers; new houses of worship have been built on some of our fields, and the outlook for the coming year is most hopeful and encouraging.

During the year your Committee has held regular monthly meetings, which have been characterized in their proceedings by the utmost harmony. All applications that have come before us have been carefully considered; the determination to incur no obligations not warranted by the condition of the treasury has compelled us to reject many appeals for aid that were deserving of a favorable response, and to modify in almost every instance the amounts asked for in those applications to which we gave our approval.

The Convention entered upon the present fiscal year practically free of debt, and the determination of your committee has been that, as far as possible, the expenditure should be kept within the probable amount of contributions by the various churches. In this we have been governed by the wish of the Convention, repeatedly expressed. How far we have been successful, the report of the Treasurer will show.

In the appropriation of the funds placed at our disposal, we have been guided by the same principles that have controlled the action of your Executive Committee in former years, viz.: to grant aid only at such points, and to such an extent, as was absolutely necessary; not only to consider the ability of the particular church asking aid, but also to find out whether there were not adjoining fields, destitute of preaching, which, if faithfully cultivated, could be made to contribute to the pastor's support, and thus partially, and in the near future, wholly, relieve the Convention; as far as possible, only to give aid at such points as were already, or gave promise of becoming, centers of population, wealth and influence; to aid in maintaining our work at points where we had already gained a foothold, and which gave promise of becoming self-supporting. We have endeavored in every application we have endorsed to be governed by these considerations.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society has continued its co-operation with the Convention during the past year, although on a somewhat reduced scale. Early in the year we were notified that all we could expect from New York with any degree of certainty was, in addition to the amount raised by our churches, $2,000. This has somewhat crippled us in our work, although it led us to put forth greater efforts to increase our home contributions. Last September we were favored with a visit from Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D.,

the honored Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Your Executive Committee had several conferences with him, at which the needs of the State were presented, and the imperative necessity that greater financial assistance should be rendered. One of the results of his visit was the consummation of a plan that had long been in contemplation, viz: the appointment of a General Secretary to look after the State work, and to give it greater impetus. At the suggestion of Dr. Morehouse, Rev. W. H. Latourette, our missionary at Los Gatos, so long and so favorably known as an earnest, consecrated worker, was appointed to the position, at a salary of $1,600 a year, including traveling expenses. Brother Latourette accepted the appointment, beginning his work the first of October last. The wisdom of his appointment is seen in increased activity and zeal all along the line of our churches, in a deepening of interest in our State work, and in enlarged contributions to our treasury. Brother Latourette will present a report to the Convention, in which he will speak more in detail of his work.

Besides our General Secretary, appropriations have been made to fifteen fields, as follows:

The church at Los Gatos has received $250. Up to the 1st of October this church was ably served by our present General Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette. He was succeeded by Rev. C. H. Hobart, formerly of East Portland, Or., who has rendered most excellent service. During the year this church reports twenty-two additions by baptism and seven by letter.

An appropriation of $200 has been made to East Los Angeles, Rev. C. N. Gregory, pastor. A new house of worship has been erected on this field and entirely paid for, $500 from the church edifice fund having been recommended by the committee to be given for this purpose. From three quarterly reports of work done on this field, we learn that there have been twenty-one added to the church by baptism and seventeen by letter.

An appropriation of $200 has been made to Selma, Rev. H. E. Adams, pastor. Bro. Adams' labors have been greatly blessed to the strengthening of this church. From two reports we learn that twelve have been added by baptism and twenty-nine by letter.

The 1st of October last, Rev. W. R. Connelly of Kansas came to the State, and accepted a call from the church at Napa. This church had recently been reorganized, but was in a weak condition. An appropriation of $400 was at once made to this field. Brother Connelly's work has been greatly blessed. The church has steadily grown, and the outlook for the future is most encouraging.

East Orange, Rev. J. F. Merriam, pastor, has received an appropriation of $300, beginning August 1st. He reports for two quarters, ending February 1st, seventeen added by baptism and twelve by letter.

An appropriation of $400, covering the entire Convention year, has been made to Rev. L. M. Protzman, at Penryn. Brother Protzman has established preaching stations at Auburn and Grass Valley. He reports seven added by baptism and two by letter.

The Swedish Church, East Oakland, Rev. G. Liljeroth, pastor, has been aided to the amount of $200. This church also has erected during the year a new

house of worship, at a cost of nearly $2,600, which has been provided for with the exception of about $900. Our Swedish brethren deserve our most earnest sympathy and co-operation in their efforts to free themselves from debt.

An appropriation of $150 to San Diego, which was in force at the beginning of the Convention year, ceased the first of last September with the resignation of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Stenger, on account of ill health. Brother Stenger has been one of our missionary pastors since Sept., 1884. He has done earnest, thorough work, and we sincerely regret his departure from this most important field.

The application of the church at Gonzales for aid to their pastor, Rev. S. C. Keetch, was approved early in the Convention year for $150. Brother Keetch has done good service on his field, as his quarterly reports show.

Other appropriations have been made as follows: Fall Brook, Rev. S. S. Bailey, pastor, $300; Chico, Rev. Mr. Russell, pastor, $100; Chinese Mission, Oakland, Mrs. Bradway, $400; San Bernardino, $175; Rev. C. C. Bateman, as Missionary of Northern California, $600. Making a total amount endorsed by your Committee of $5,425. The failure of some of the missionaries to send to the Secretary of the Executive Committee the quarterly reports required by the rules of the Convention, makes a fuller account of work accomplished during the year impossible. We wish we could say something that would lead every church connected with the Convention to realize more fully the vastness of the field with which we have to do, its marvellous growth, its immense resources, and its wondrous capabilities. A great tide of immigration is pouring into every section of our State. Every soul that comes to us is an added responsibility. We would suggest that an important place be given in the deliberations of the Convention to the discussion of the ways and means of awakening a deeper interest on the part of all of our churches in our State missionary work. We need to expend thousands of dollars where now we expend only hundreds. We need to have the importance of California as a field of missionary effort brought to the attention of the Home Mission Society at New York as never before, and the necessity of a larger appropriation from the general fund. The other great evangelical denominations are alive to the importance of the field and the necessities of the hour. They are putting forth every effort to possess the land. If we are to hold our own, we must be up and doing. The need of aggressive work and of men and means to carry such work forward, is very great. Let this be the burden of every heart, and the question, how it shall be best accomplished, the burning question of the hour to every Baptist in California. On an old map that was engraved soon after the discovery of America, and before it had received its present name, was written across the unexplored regions, the words "*Terra sanctæ crucis*," "The land of the sacred cross." It is well that the nations of the earth should know us as "America." But ought we not to covet on the record of the skies the name, "The Land of the Sacred Cross"? With the blessed Bible, with prayer, with the story of redemption, with consecrated men and money, spurred on by an enthusiasm whose flame is kindled at the heart of Jesus, and strengthened and made mighty by the promised Holy Ghost, let us as a Convention go forth to reclaim the waste places of our beautiful State, and to build around it the walls of righteousness. Wherever a mining camp is lo-

cated, there is sin, and there should be also the missionary of the cross. Wherever new settlements spring up in our beautiful valleys, there the saloon is planted, and there, too, should be the Bible and the sanctuary. Wherever the iron rail pierces, there are towns laid out that may some day be cities; and the church should keep pace, working and fighting sleeplessly and with a deep enthusiasm. Let this be our motto for the coming year: "California for Christ, and for our beloved denomination."

WM. M. KINCAID, Chairman.

The following additional committees were then appointed by the President:

On "Herald of Truth": Rev. A. J. Frost, D.D., Rev. C. C. Bateman, Hon. H. E. McCune, Rev. T. N. Lord, and P. D. Code.

On Important Subjects in Executive Committee's Report: Rev. J. H. Garnett, C. H. Hobart, and W. R. Connelly.

Following this came the report of General Secretary Latourette, which was, on motion, adopted.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

My report covers a period of six months, commencing Oct. 1st, and ending May 1st, 1887.

During this time I have visited churches in Lakeport, Santa Rosa, Vallejo, Dixon, Woodland, Ione, St. Helena, East Oakland, Alameda, Los Gatos, San Jose, Gonzales, Soledad, San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, San Francisco, First, Vacaville, Winters, Willows, Fifth San Francisco, Penryn, Wheatland, Marysville, Biggs, Chico, Red Bluff, First and Calvary of Sacramento, Ceres, Second Modesto, Petaluma and Santa Rosa.

I have attended two Associations: Clear Lake, Pacific; also Council of Recognition at Soledad, and an Advisory Council at San Jose. I have aided in a number of revival meetings. I have spent in the service of the Society twenty-six weeks; have preached sixty-three sermons; have delivered sixteen addresses; attended sixty-five prayer-meetings; made 123 religious visits; have written 328 letters and postal cards; organized two Woman's Home Mission Circles; stimulated Alameda Church to self-support, besides administering Lord's Supper twice. I have collected $129.44 in cash, and $926.78 in reliable pledges. My traveling expenses, stationery, postage, etc., amount to $133.70.

I have spent October in working for our College at Highland Park, and secured for the same $885.86 in cash and pledges.

In the performance of my duties I have traveled 4,450 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LATOURETTE, General Secretary.

The Treasurer, W. R. Strong, then made his annual report, which, on motion, was adopted.

The receipts of the year, from all sources, are $3,203.57, and the expenditures, $2,508.94, leaving a balance in the treasury of $694.57. The receipts exceed those of any previous year in the history of this Convention. (See report.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer submits the following report:

BALANCE SHEET.

W. R. Strong, Treasurer,

In account with General Baptist Convention.

On hand May 6th, 1886		$ 265 32
Received for Minutes, 1886	$41 00	
Received for Minutes, 1887	17 25	
		58 25
Balance on San Juan Church		162 00
Chapel Builders		60 89
		2,676 65
		$3,175 36
Paid A. B. H. M. Society Cal. Missions	$2,418 70	
" " " Mexico	10 00	
" " " Chapel Builders	32 69	
" W. B. Thompson, for Minutes	38 00	
" S. B. Morse, Stationery	6 00	
Exchange Drafts, on New York	3 55	
On hand	694 57	
		$3,175 36
H. Hilinach		28 15
E. O. E.		$3,203 51

W. R. STRONG,
Treasurer of Baptist General Convention.

The Committee on Important Points in Executive Committee's exhibit now made their report, which, on motion, was adopted.

IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Your Committee feel that to give all the important points in the report would be to give it entire. We, however, would emphasize three:

1. Gains during the year. Numerically, our Missionary Churches have been strengthened by 200 additions, fully 100 of these being by baptism.

We rejoice, moreover, in the moving into our State during the year of several very efficient and consecrated pastors for our missionary churches, and also in the fact that some churches which have been upon the Board for years, have during the year become self-sustaining.

All of us are thinking of our great gain in the appointment of a General Secretary, in the person of Rev. W. H. Latourette. He has been among us for six months, laboring with consuming zeal, great impartiality and gratifying results. We can but hope that he may be spared as our representative of State Missions for years to come.

2. Added responsibilities. This added responsibility comes in the fact of material prosperity in all the State; and in some portions prosperity almost, if not quite, unknown in our country. Also, the spiritual strength received in Baptists coming from the East, strong in the faith and full of the spirit of God, should make us feel that much more must be undertaken. Besides all this, of course the mighty influx of people increases as by myriad fold our responsibilities, however great they may have been before.

3. Our needs. More help from California and from New York. We must do our might; then we may hope more from the Home Board. San Francisco alone should have more than the entire contribution of the Home Board to our State.

Taking all into account we feel to thank God and take courage.

J. Herndon Garnett,
C. H. Hobart,
W. R. Connelly,
Committee.

Following this, on motion, a Committee to nominate a new Board of Directors for California College was appointed.

On motion, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., was selected as chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions, to fill a vacancy.

On motion, it was decided to defray the expense of printing the minutes from the treasury of the Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that 1,000 copies of the minutes be printed, and that the Secretary distribute them among the churches, *pro rata* as to membership.

On motion, all visiting brothers and sisters were invited to seats in the body.

On motion, the churches and Associations throughout the State were requested to send to the Secretary of the Convention, a few days prior to the annual meetings, a certified list of delegates by them appointed, so as to avoid unnecessary delay in organizing for business.

The Secretary was instructed to procure, and publish with the minutes of this meeting, those of last year. Also, Dr. Hartwell was appointed to assist in their preparation.

After prayer by Rev. Bunyan Spencer, Convention adjourned till 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday Afternoon, 1:30.

Convention was called to order by the President, when, after singing "Savior, thy dying Love," and prayer by Rev. S. C. Keetch, business was resumed. The following Directors for California College were then appointed:

Class of '87: H. E. McCune, P. D. Code, A. J. Frost, Robert Crane, W. M. Kincaid, E. R. Stockwell, T. H. Hook, and A. B. Stuart, M. D.

Class of '88: W. H. Pendleton, W. R. Strong, O. C. Wheeler, J. L. Lyon, S. B. Morse, F. C. Brougher, J. C. Merrifield, and P. W. Dorsey.

Class of '89: J. W. Parker, G. S. Abbott, J. H. Garnett, Chas. Button, E. H. Gray, W. R. Gallop, J. M. Coulter, and C. N. Whitmore.

Following this, by order of the Convention, the Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Society of California was allowed a half hour for meeting. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. R. L. W. Davis. Very able papers were presented by Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, President, and Miss Booth. Remarks were also made by Mrs. Dr. Gray, Mrs. Davis, and others. No better papers or addresses were presented during the Convention than those of the ladies of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies. The Treasurer's report of the Home Society showed that $384.-83 had been raised during the year. The singing and recitations by a class of Chinese children, under the direction of Miss Booth, of San Francisco, were very interesting.

Following this, the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of California held a meeting, presided over by Mrs. J. P. Cogs-

well, of Oakland, at which addresses and papers were given by Mrs. Bunyan Spencer, Mrs. Dr. Abbott, and Mrs. Harris, a returned missionary from Japan. These were addresses of marked ability, and stirred all hearts. The Society is in a prosperous condition.

Following these meetings, the Convention resumed its business by considering the report on American Baptist Publication Society, presented by Rev. S. B. Morse, which was adopted.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows, viz: While the various interests of our denomination on this coast have been all so well represented, and their work and usefulness enlarged, the interests of our great American Baptist Publication Society have not been one whit behind the rest.

Dr. G. S. Abbott, the faithful Superintendent, has now been in the service of the Society over five years, and has by word of mouth, by use of the "Herald of Truth," by holding Sunday School Institutes, and in other ways, greatly advanced the work of the Society.

In these years he has seen nearly all of our Baptist schools in the State patronize their own denominational publications. It is well known that a few years since many of our schools used other literature than that of our American Baptist Publication Society. We are glad, therefore, to record this advance in our work.

We are glad, also, to report that our churches are largely using the New Hymnal, a book of song and worship, second to none in size, and worthy the patronage of all our churches and congregations.

We would mention, also, that the Society has recently published several valuable commentaries, which are finding a place in the libraries of many of our teachers. The Society now gives 20 per cent. discount on all its books. Our Superintendent has made sale of Sunday School Libraries during the past year to San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland, Pasadena, and other places. He has made frequent and large donations of Bibles and Testaments to needy schools and missions.

We would further urge all our churches to find a place each year in their benefactions for our Publication Society. And there is one thought we would especially urge. We wish and would recommend that this Convention request that the American Baptist Publication Society give their Superintendent, Dr. Abbott, the means for establishing a depository in San Francisco, that shall be worthy the Society it represents, and more fully meet the needs of our churches in this broad field.

S. B. Morse, Chairman.

On motion, Capt. G. A. Hull, U. S. A., of San Francisco, was requested to send a copy of the above appeal to the American Baptist Publication Society, setting forth, at the same time, the wishes of the Convention respecting it.

The Committee on Sunday Schools now reported, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report:

1. That there seems to be an increasing interest among our churches in the Sunday School work, especially indicated by the organization of a number of new schools in different parts of the State.

2. Several meetings have been held during the year, in which the Sunday School work has received special consideration. Among them, the Institute recently held in Napa was of peculiar interest, and productive of much good.

3. The Supplies issued by the Publication Society are almost universally used by the schools of the State, and your committee believe them to be unexcelled by any publications in the land.

4. As indicating the need of increased work in this direction, your attention is called to the fact that of the 132 churches in the State, probably not more than 100 have Sunday schools connected with them.

In view of the above fact, and in view of the further fact that the additions to our churches are largely drawn from Sunday School ranks, your Committee suggest the need of increased and persistent effort to build up Sunday Schools throughout the State. This can be done in two directions: 1. By church and Associational effort, in the line of establishing mission and local Schools, and holding Institutes. 2. By the employment of a Sunday School Missionary, who shall devote himself entirely to this important work.

If this latter is impossible, we are sure that Dr. Abbott will do all that he can to help in holding such Institutes as may be held in different parts of the State.

Signed: A. C. Herrick.
C H. Hobart.
Dr. Mealand.

At this point Rev. Geo. B. Rieman, late pastor in Alameda, spoke upon the importance of vigorous work among the Germans of San Francisco and Oakland. The eloquent address was listened to with great interest.

On motion, the request of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, for representation in this Convention, was referred to the Executive Committee.

After prayer by Rev. Bunyan Spencer, Convention adjourned till 7:30.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by President Kincaid. After singing "My Hope is built on nothing less," Dr. J. B. Hartwell offered prayer.

The Committee on Nomination of Directors of the General Convention for class 1890 reported the following, who, on motion, were elected: Rev. G. S. Abbott, D.D., Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. E. H. Gray, D.D., Rev. A. J. Frost, D.D., P. D. Code, Hon. H. E. McCune, and Robert Crane.

The Committee on "Herald of Truth," through Dr. Frost, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"HERALD OF TRUTH."

Whereas, It is of the first importance that the six thousand Baptists of California, and the three million Baptists of the United States, be thoroughly informed as to our denominational status in the Golden State; and,

Whereas, Such information is indispensable to the consecration of our means, to the organizing and energizing of our forces, to an apprehension of the dangers, defenses, and duties of the hour; and,

Whereas, The "Herald of Truth," by its judicious management, its deliberate counsel and impartiality, has done much to perpetuate the union and the unity of the denomination in the State; and,

Whereas, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D.D., the editor, and his noble wife, have for seven years conducted every department of the paper, not only without one dollar of compensation, but with a personal loss of several hundred dollars; and,

Whereas, our Home Mission, Foreign Mission, educational and publicational work are all stimulated to increased activity and efficiency by this journal; therefore

Resolved, That we give it not only our *hearty endorsement* and our liberal patronage, but that we will do all in our power to *double its circulation*, and relieve its editor of financial embarrassment;

Resolved, That while the American Baptist Publication Society has practically given to California Baptists the "Herald of Truth," by allowing its agent to act as editor-in-chief, its columns have been equally devoted to all our great benevolent societies;

Resolved, That as soon as practicable we will make the "Herald of Truth" a weekly paper, answering all the demands of California Baptists.

A. J. Frost,
H. E. McCune,
P. D. Code,
T. N. Lord,
C. C. Bateman,
Committee.

Following this was sung, "Look, ye Saints, the sight is glorious," after which the Committee on Education reported, through Rev. Bunyan Spencer. After addresses by President Morse, Rev. H. Hobart, Rev. Dr. Frost, and Rev. J. H. Garnett, the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL WORK.

We are glad to report progress and bright prospects.

One year ago, there had been collected by Bro. B. C. Wright, of the $10,000 needed for the erection of Mary Stuart Hall, $1,729.18. At the present time there have been paid in on subscriptions, $9,066.68. $7,337.50 of this amount has been paid in during the last year. The total of the subscriptions up to the present time—not including what has been promised for a prospective dormitory, and for salary—is $10,316.68. Mary Stuart Hall, $10,230.25. This amount is all paid; and the Hall is insured for $7,000, and the insurance is paid up for three years. In proportion to the money expended in the construction of our new college building at Highland Park, Mary Stuart Hall is highly satisfactory both in beauty of structure and in convenience of arrangement.

But the present building is by no means sufficient to meet the immediate wants of the students. There is great need of two dormitories, one for young men and one for young ladies. Already a very prosperous beginning has been made to secure $7,500 for the construction of a ladies' dormitory. The plan adopted for the raising of this money is most admirable, and its execution thus far has been prompt and successful.

The plan for obtaining money to construct a dormitory for boys is formulated, and is so arranged as not to interfere with the one in operation to procure the funds for the dormitory already decided upon. To construct these two buildings about $15,000 will be needed.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Rev. J. H. Garnett, is meeting very encouraging responses in his efforts to secure an endowment for the President's chair for a period of five years.

Fifty acres of the college farm at Vacaville have been sold at $110 per acre. Of the money thus obtained, $2,000 removed an indebtedness on the college farm. The remainder invested, and secured by a mortgage, at 8 per cent., brings an income of $280 annually. The remainder of the farm is worth about $150 per acre, and furnishes a considerable income. Including the President, there are to be five regular and three special teachers. This number, it is thought, will be amply sufficient to furnish all the instruction needed during the ensuing year. It will, of course, require some time to establish classes in all departments and in all grades; but it is confidently expected that there will be graduates in the ladies' department during the coming year.

Beside the teachers who have already been at work the past year, the Board have elected two others. Rev. S. B. Morse, A. M., has been elected President, and L. D. Iskeep, A. M., Professor. Your committee firmly believe that, in electing Rev. Mr. Morse to the Presidency, the Trustees acted wisely; that they

could not have secured a man whose election would have been more generally approved. Professor Inskeep's scholarship is known to be excellent. He is an arduous worker and an enthusiastic teacher.

President Morse informs us that the prospect for students is good; that he receives letters frequently from persons who are hoping to attend, or who purpose to send some one as a student.

We have, then, at Highland Park a most beautiful campus, in a convenient and healthy location, a handsome building, and a library of 2,000 volumes, including Bancroft's Histories, a generous gift from Mrs. Stuart; a good corps of teachers has been secured, and the prospect for students is encouraging; there is a nucleus endowment fund, and the work of securing additional pledges is judiciously and steadily pressed forward; the management is safely entrusted, and the account books are a model in form, in accuracy, and completeness.

Rev. H. C. Bristol very kindly furnished that part which pertains to Los Angeles University.

In Southern California, Baptists have accomplished considerable during the past year in educational work. They have an incorporation, a Board of Trustees, a campus of fifteen acres, $30,000 worth of building lots, a building in course of construction, subscriptions amounting to $10,000, and are negotiating for a college President.

The name of their school is Los Angeles University. Their campus of fifteen acres is beautifully located at the western limit of the city. A dummy railway is being built to this property, which will connect with the Second street cable road, giving a continuous trip from the heart of the city to Los Angeles University for a single fare. The campus is beautiful in its situation and outlook. Near it are lots donated to secure the University in its present location. The Trustees are guaranteed $30,000 for these lots by responsible parties. Contracts for the building amount to over $16,000. The building is of brick, and is three stories high. The walls of two stories are now erected, and the work of construction is in progress. The laying of the corner stone occurred in February. At the last meeting of the Los Angeles Association, held in San Bernardino, $10,000 were subscribed toward the cost of the college building. Correspondence with a view to the Presidency has been had with experienced and suitable men, but has as yet resulted in nothing sufficiently definite for mention in this report.

While it is still true that the Baptists do not hold as high an educational rank as they ought to take among the denominations of this State, yet we feel that the Baptists of California have great reason to be encouraged by the progress made during the last year. And we heartily commend our two denominational schools for patronage to the public generally, and to the Baptists especially.

Finally, we modestly yet earnestly recommend:

1. That our educational work be presented at least as often as once a year, by the pastors to the churches, and that the churches take a general collection annually for the support of Christian education.

2 That individual members be encouraged by pastors and others, to respond to the special needs and calls of our schools.

3. That all the Associations of the State have the educational work presented before them at their annual meetings.

4. That the President and his co-workers be cordially received and assisted as far as possible, whenever they appeal to the churches, either for students or for money.

5. That prayer and supplication be made unto God, for his guidance and blessing upon the great work to which we as Christians and as Baptists have put our hands. Respectfully submitted,

BUNYAN SPENCER.

At the close of this report a collection was announced of about $1,500, already taken toward the Dormitory building.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for Next Year reported in favor of Fresno as the place, and Rev. J. H. Garnett as preacher, with Rev. A. M. Petty as alternate, which report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions, through Rev. W. T. Fleenor, reported the following, which was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches that they, as far as possible, take their collections for Home Missions during the month of January, and that we devote the month to special prayer for missions.

Resolved, That we thank God for the grace bestowed upon the churches during the past year, and that we give ourselves more fully to the Lord's work during the coming year.

Resolved, That we regard intemperance, Sunday desecration, and profane swearing as three giant evils on this coast, and that we do all in our power to suppress these evils.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the press of Oakland for the kind and faithful reports given the proceedings of this Convention.

Resolved, That we return our hearty thanks to the First Baptist Church, the East Oakland Baptist Church, and the San Pablo Avenue Baptist Church, for the royal way they have entertained us during these meetings.

W. T. FLEENOR,
JOHN H. STEVENS,
D. W. T. VAN DOREN,
Committee.

A Committee to report upon a uniform plan as to time of taking for collections in our churches, the various objects of benevo-

lence, was appointed, consisting of Dr. Abbott, Rev. Latourette, Dr. Hartwell, and President Morse.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Barry, the Convention adjourned till 9:30 Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

Friday Morning, 9:30.

A devotional meeting of one-half hour was led by Rev. J. W. Henry, after which Convention was called to order by the President, and Rev. J. H. Garnett led in prayer. On motion, a committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Abbott, Latourette, and Fleenor, was appointed to report at next meeting of Convention upon a plan of adjustment of life memberships in the old and new Conventions.

The Executive Committee was then, by vote, instructed to incorporate under the laws of the State. The Executive Committee was also instructed to secure, if possible, a reduction in railroad fare for delegates coming to future Conventions.

The Statistical Secretary, Dr. J. B. Hartwell, now made his annual report. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Nomination of Directors for 1890 now reported the names of G. S. Abbott, D.D., Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. S. B. Morse, E. H. Gray, D.D., A. J. Frost, D.D., P. D. Code, Hon. H. E. McCune, and Robert Crane.

Report was adopted.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay any and all expense incurred by the Statistical Secretary in his work.

Dr. Abbott made a report on Foreign Missions, which was discussed and adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee just appointed as a substitute for Brother Dorsey beg leave to report in brief, that in their judgment it is a matter of special congratulation and thanksgiving that the Baptist Churches in California are committed so largely to Foreign Mission work in the earth; that in the years that are

past of special stress upon our thought of Home Mission Publication and Educational work, our joy is little short of supreme in knowing that Foreign Mission conviction has had such sway upon the benevolence of our people; that the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of California has maintained its mission, unity, and effort so grandly and so effectively, and especially on the Congo, Africa, as to be entitled to our fullest appreciation; that it is our profound belief that we cannot too steadily, too faithfully, or too benevolently obey our Master's great command to preach the Gospel to all nations.

G. S. ABBOTT.

Dr. J. B. Hartwell moved that a California Baptist Historical Society be here and now organized, and submitted the following Constitution for the same, which was adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED IN OAKLAND, MAY 6, 1887.

I. This Society shall be called the Baptist Historical Society of California.

II. The object of this Society shall be to collect and preserve books and documents of interest pertaining to the history of our denomination, past and current, especially on the Pacific Coast and in the State of California.

III. To encourage by such means as may be found practicable an interest in such history.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing of some regular Baptist Church.

1. The duties of the President and Vice-President shall be those usually appertaining to such officers.

2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall have charge of all books and documents and moneys belonging to the Society. He shall classify, label and catalogue the books and documents for ready reference.

V. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of twenty-five cents per annum, and a life member by the payment of $10 at any one time.

VI. The Society shall hold its annual session at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Convention, at which addresses, essays, etc., may be presented.

Following the passage of the above, it was ordered that the Committee on Arrangements be instructed to make provision annually for a meeting of the Baptist Historical Society.

The Convention now adjourned, so as to allow the Historical Society to organize under the Constitution just adopted.

The Society proceeded to organize by the enrollment of members and election of officers, which resulted in choice of Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D.D., LL.D., for President, Rev. C. H. Hobart, for Secretary and Treasurer.

The Committee on New Churches reported, through Rev. J. H. Garnett, the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

We find the following seeking admission: First Baptist Church of Malaga, Rev. I. D. Fleming, Pastor; German Church of San Francisco, with the following delegates: Rev. Gaber R. Vierhus, Rev. T. W. Shallike; First Baptist Church of San Jose, with Rev. A. W. Runyan, Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Mr. John Reynolds, Brother Close, and Mrs. Darling, delegates; also First Baptist Church of San Jose, with D. E. Gish, C. J. Cushman, and Mrs. Negus, as delegates.

J. HERNDON GARNETT,
H. C. BRISTOL,
P. U. BLUNT,
A. C. HERRICK,
C. H. HOBART,
Committee.

On motion, the First Church, Malaga, and First German Church of San Francisco, were unanimously received. First Church, San Jose, with Rev. and Mrs. Runyan, Mrs. Darling, and Messrs. Reynolds and Close, as delegates, was received by a vote of thirty-three to three. The delegates received the right hand of fellowship from President Kincaid.

Objections having been made to receiving the Baptist Church of San Jose, represented by Mr. D. E. Gish and others, the case was referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at next meeting of the Convention. The following are the committee: Rev. J. H. Garnett, P. U. Blunt, Revs. A. C. Herrick, C. H. Hobart, and J. B. Hartwell, D.D.

Rev. C. C. Bateman then introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Home Mission Society, under the direction of its efficient President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, has been instrumental in much good to our churches; therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Convention do hereby gratefully acknowledge the services of this Society, and would recommend the claims of same to the favorable consideration and support of the Baptist Churches of California.

Resolutions by Dr. G. S. Abbott were also offered, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the life membership of the California Baptist Convention be honored as life members of the General Baptist Convention.

Resolved, That as Rev. George B. Rieman, of Alameda, Deacon W. R. Strong and others are expecting to be in attendance upon our National Anniversaries, we empower them to present the greetings of the General Baptist Convention to those bodies.

The Committee on Enrollment, through Rev. H. C. Bristol, made a report, which, on motion, was adopted. The report shows that forty churches and two associations were represented, and that forty-two ministers and one hundred and ten delegates were in attendance.

The Convention, after prayer by Brother B. Browning, of Penryn, adjourned to meet next year with the Baptist Church in Fresno.

W. M. KINCAID, President.
J. C. JORDAN, Secretary.

MISSIONARY BOARD MEETINGS.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

President Kincaid in the chair. The report of Rev. C. C. Bateman was read and passed upon.

REPORT OF REV. C. C. BATEMAN, MISSIONARY, SACRAMENTO RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The commission of this missionary did not arrive until nearly the middle of April, 1887, though the application for aid from the Home Mission Society was granted by our Board in December, 1886, and dates from January 1, 1887, to June 30, 1887; hence Brother Bateman has really only completed the first quarter, and one month besides. The greater part of the time has been spent at Red Bluff, by direction of General Missionary W. H. Latourette.

During this time forty-six have been added to this church, making it self-supporting. Two out-stations have been supplied; $226 have been raised and paid on church debts, and steps have been taken looking toward work at other important points.

Adjourned to meet at call of the chair.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Missionary Board of the General Convention was called to order by the President, Wm. M. Kincaid. A statement was made with reference to the Chico field. A committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., Hon. H. E. McCune, and Dr. G. S. Abbott, to confer with Rev. J. E. Barnes.

Adjourned to 12:30.

Friday Afternoon, 12:30.

President Kincaid in chair. On motion, proceeded to election of Executive Committee. On motion, Rev. J. C. Jordan, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, and W. R. Strong were appointed a Committee on nomination of Executive Committee. The Committee report-

ed, and the following were elected: Rev. S. B. Morse, G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Rev. Chas. Button, E. H. Gray, D. D., and Hon. H. E. McCune, as said committee.

On motion, the application of Rev. S. L. Sanford was favorably referred to the Executive Committee. Requests for aid for the German work of Los Angeles, and for work among the Swedes of the same city, were referred favorably to the same committee.

On motion, the application from Penryn for aid from Church Edifice Fund was also referred to Executive Committee for adjustment, as before allowed.

On motion, the request of Rev. W. W. Odum, for aid in his work in Modesto, was also referred to same committee. On motion, the Board adjourned.

J. C. JORDAN, Secretary.

AN ITEMIZED REPORT OF TREASURER, W. R. STRONG.

1886.			
May	5..	Balance	$265 32
	5..	Collections Convention	20 75
	5..	" Santa Rosa Church	4 50
July	20..	" Women's Home Mission	34 25
Aug.	30..	" Duarte Baptist Church	10 78
	30..	" C. C. Bateman, on Field	114 00
Sept.	3..	" Calvary Church, Sacramento	6 00
Oct.	7..	" Women's Home Mission	29 70
	7..	" First Baptist Church, Stockton	33 80
	7..	" Rev. W. Scott	5 00
	7..	" Central Association	23 17
	8..	" Women's Home Mission Society, Stockton	20 00
	8..	" Penryn Baptist Church	6 00
	8..	Central Association, ⅛ of Annual Collection	7 92
	8..	Salinas Baptist Church	2 30
	9..	Tulare Baptist Association (H. E. Adams)	54 12
	9..	Tulare Baptist Association, (R. Elder)	176 00
	11..	Rev. W. Scott	5 00
	21..	Tulare Baptist Association, per R. Elder	21 43
	21..	W. Scott	10 00
Dec.	3..	Women's Home Mission	10 00
1887.			
Jan.	3..	Rev. W. Scott	5 00
	7..	Women's Home Mission	26 00
	7..	Brooklyn Baptist Church	9 25
	15..	Riverside Baptist Church	61 05

Jan. 15	Riverside Mexican Mission	10 00
17	Rev. O. Chittenden, San Juan Church	162 00
Feb. 22	Vallejo Church, per Dr. Pendleton	24 00
23	Women's Home Mission Society	48 00
23	Penryn Church, Rev. Protzman	10 55
24	Mrs. M. E. Case, Pasedena	10 00
25	Mrs. S. S. Fiske, Santa Rosa	4 60
M'ch 1	Downey Baptist Church, Rev. Clay	13 85
1	Brooklyn Baptist Church, Oakland	100 00
7	Mrs. J. Rhodes	2 50
7	Rev. C. Bateman	5 00
11	Dixon Baptist Church, Garnett	103 90
11	Rev. D. H. Drake, Turlock	25 00
17	Gonzales Baptist Church (Fane T. Edwards)	41 50
21	Vacaville Baptist Church (J. B. Saxton)	18 00
21	Mrs. S. P. Penerson, Santa Ana	5 00
29	Fresno Baptist Church, per R. Elder	30 75
29	Pomona Baptist Church, per J. T. Moody	51 00
April 5	Women's Home Mission, per Mrs. Morse	35 00
5	Gonzales Baptist Church, per Rev. Keetch	10 00
12	Calvary Church, Sacramento	105 50
20	Red Bluff Church, per Rev. Bateman	100 00
20	Santa Clara Church, per Rev. Fiske	23 50
23	Women's Home Mission Society, per Mrs. Morse	13 75
23	Los Gatos Church, per Rev. Latourette	87 10
23	Vacaville Church, " "	5 00
23	Pacific Association, " "	6 22
23	Rev. H. L. Gear and wife, per Rev. Latourette	10 00
23	Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, " "	5 00
23	Woodland Baptist Church " "	11 50
23	W. D. Parkhurst, " "	2 50
23	Reno, Nev., Baptist S. S., " "	2 50
23	Jusin Libby, Reno " "	50
27	First Church, Oakland	57 97
27	First Church, Alameda	53 60
27	Santa Ana	87 00
29	First Church, Sacramento	87 50
29	Ceres Church	48 90
30	Women's Home Mission	114 25
30	Chapel Builders	32 69
30	Minutes	41 00
May 4	Minutes, Alameda Church	2 00
4	Home Mission, Fifth San Francisco	43 00
4	Minutes, Emanuel, San Jose	2 75
4	Home Mission, Alameda	1 00
4	" " Wheatland	3 00
4	Minutes, Wheatland	1 00
4	" First San Francisco	5 00

	4..Home Misson, First San Francisco Sunday School		50 00
	4.. " " " " " Church		50 00
	4.. " " San Pablo, Oakland		32 00
	4.. " " First Colony, Fresno		3 00
	4..Minutes First Church, San Jose		3 00
	4..Home Mission, Santa Cruz		2 75
	4.. " " Ukiah		5 00
	4..Missions, Rev. Burroughs		50
	4..Missions, Capt. Hull		5 00
	4..Home Missions, First San Jose		69 40
	4..Women's Mission, Fifth San Francisco		6 00
	4..Women's Mission, San Jose		4 75
	4..Chapel Builders, Dixon Sunday School		20 00
	4.. " " Napa Sunday School		8 20
	4..Collections Convention		19 01
	4..Monrovia Baptist Church		1 00
	4..Ceres Church		4 50
	4..Dixon, Minutes		5 00
	4..Brooklyn		4 00
	4..Santa Rosa		2 00
	4..Los Angeles		246 00
	4..Women's Mission, Los Angeles		2 50
	4..Women's Mission, Sacramento		5 03
			$3,203 51
1886.			
May	8..Draft on New York A. B. H. M. Society	$265	32
	8..Paid Exchange		65
Sept.	15..Draft on New York for A. B. H. M. Society	70	28
	15..Paid Exchange		
Oct.	9..Paid, as per receipt, per C. C. Bateman	115	00
	9..Draft on New York, A. B. H. M. Society	373	70
	9..Exchange		75
1887.			
Jan.	11..A. B. H. M. Society	79	00
	11..Exchange		30
	18..Draft on New York A. B. H. M. Society	71	00
	18..Exchange		25
Feb.	23..A. B. H. M. Society, draft on New York	82	55
	23..Exchange		25
M'ch	5..S. B. Morse, for stationery, etc	6	00
	7..A. B. H. M. Society	123	50
	7..Exchange on draft		30
	14..A. B. H. M. Society	130	00
	14..Exchange on draft		30
	30..A. B. H. M. Society	100	00
	30..Exchange on draft		25
April	10..A. B. H. M. Society	200	00

	10..Exchange	50
	10..A. B. H. M. Society, per C. C. Bateman	100 00
	23..A. B. H. M. Society, per Rev. W. H. Latourette	108 35
	25..A. B. H. M. Society, draft on New York	150 00
	30..A. B. H. M. Society	450 00
	30..Paid A. B. H. M. Society, from Chapel Builders	32 69
	30..W. B. Thompson, Minutes	38 00
	30..Balance	70 03
May	6..Balance	694 57
	E. O. E.	$3,203 51

STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Baptist Ministers in California.

*Those marked * are not, at present, engaged in ministerial work.*

Abbott, G. S., D. D.....569 11th street, Oakland
Adams, H. E.....Selma
Adams, W. E.....Greenville
Alexander, T. W.....Woodville
Bailey, B. T.....San Jose
Bailey, G. S., D.D.....Pomona
Baker, F. M.....Willows
*Bandy, J. H.....Red Bluff
*Barnes, J. E.....Chico
*Barnes, J. T.....Petaluma
Barry, J. N.....San Francisco
*Bateman, C. A.....Anderson
Bateman, C. C.....Red Bluff
Bauder, W. H.....Woodville
*Bettesworth, J. J.....Hanford
Bonner, J. D.....Willow Ranch
*Boot, Wm.....Pine Grove
*Borroughs, J. N.....Sacramento
*Bowler, J. R.....Oakland
Bowles, T. R.....Compton
*Briggs, H. V.....El Monte
*Briggs, O. W.....San Francisco
Bristol, H. C.....Los Angeles
*Brooks, J.....Paso Robles
*Buckbee, C. A. D.D.....San Francisco
Button, Chas.....Riverside
Cartwright, J.....Fresno City
Chapel, D. M.....Stockton
Clark, —.....San Bernardino
Clark, R. D.....Eureka
Clark, A.....Bishop Creek
Clay, Jeremiah.....Downey City
*Cohenour, J. E.....811 Filbert street, Oakland

*Cole, A. L, D.D.....Santa Ana
Connelly, W. R.....Napa City
Cooper, E. K.....Los Angeles
*Crittenden, Orrin.....Mountain View
*Cunningham, G. P .....Shingletown
*Doom, A. G.....Biggs Station
Dorsey, P. W.....Los Angeles
Dudley, Waldo.....Visalia
Duncan, Geo. E.....518 Powell St., San Francisco
*Eby, M. S.....Lakeport
*Ewer, W. D.....Los Gatos
*Farrar, F.....Lakeport
Farrow, A.....Goleta
*Findley, E.....Chico
Fisk, S. S.....Santa Rosa
Fleenor, W. T.....670 21st street, Oakland
*Forbes, C. F., M.D.....San Francisco
*Foster, Joseph.....Santa Clara
*Freeman, J. A.....Savannah
Frost, A. J., D.D.....Los Angeles
*Fryer, R. C.....Spadra
Fuqua, I.....El Chino
Garnett, J. Herndon.....East Oakland
*Gear, H. L.....1125 Ellis street, San Francisco
Glaser, L.....501 Haight street, San Francisco
Gray, E. H., D.D.....Cor. Brush and 12th streets, Oakland
Green, F. W.....Bieber
*Greenfield, J. B.....Monrovia
Gregory, C. W.....East Los Angeles
*Gregory, J. D.....Winters
*Griffith, —.....Nortonville
*Gurnsey, A. A.....Lockford
*Gully, W. T.....Lakeport
*Hamilton, E C.....San Diego
*Hamilton, H.....Orange
*Harriman, S. M.....Winters
Hartwell, J. B., D.D.....1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Haycock, Chas.....Lakeport
*Hayhurst, L. W.....Ocean Beach
*Hempstead, W. F. C., M. D.....Oakland
Henderson, L. E.....Willow Ranch
Henderson, H. M.....New Pine Creek
*Henry, J. W.....East Oakland
Herrick, A. C.....1304 N Street, Sacramento
*Hilton, Stephen.....Milpitas
Hobart, C. H.....Los Gatos
*Howard, M. L.....Ukiah
Johnson, J. D.....Meridian

Jordan, J. C.....Fresno City
Keetch, S. C.....Gonzales
Kidder, W. S.....Redding
Kincaid, Wm. M.....1st Baptist Church, Eddy St., S. F.
*Knight, J. B.....San Francisco
Kirkpatrick, T. J.....Orland
*Lambert, James.....Paso Robles
Latourette, W. H.....Alameda
Lawrence, F. S.....Stockton
*Leonard, Wm.....Red Bluff
Liljeroth, G.....1204 14th Street, Oakland
*Lillard, G. H.....Los Angeles
Lord, T. N.....Pasadena
Luce, C. S.....Poway
*McKee, Thos.....Los Angeles
*McKusick.....Norwalk
*McLeod.....Bakersfield
Merriam, J. F.....Orange
Merriman, T. N.....Santa Cruz
Moody, J. F.....Pomona
*Moore, A. S.....Los Angeles
*Morris, V.....Winters
Morse, S. B.....East Oakland
Odum, W. W.....Modesto
Ogle, B.....Hanford
*Parker, J. W., D.D.....Los Angeles
Parks, H. H.....San Francisco
Pendleton, W. H., D.D.....Los Angeles
Petty, A. M.....Santa Ana
Pierce, S. C.....Los Angeles
Philips, Thos.....San Bernardino
Protzman, L. M.....Penryn
Prunk, G. E.....Yountville
*Rattray, B. F.....Pleito
*Read, G. R.....Oakland
Redden, J. O.....Beaumont
Rees, Eli.....Lemoore
*Reid, S. E.....Modesto
Reid, Wm. E.....Middletown
Reider, J. H.....Monrovia
Reynolds, G. W.....Lake City
Rice, Eli.....Camp Bidwell
*Rigby, N. L.....Los Angeles
Riley, J. W.....Selma
Riley, C. C.....Springville
*Ringo, S. A.....San Francisco
*Roberts, Joseph.....Napa City
*Rolston, Wm.....El Monte

Ross, J. S.....Caspar
Runyan, A. W.....San Jose
Russell, A. M.....Chico
Sanford, S. L.....Ukiah
Satterfield, John.....Visalia
Saxton, J. B., D.D.....Vacaville
Schalike, F. W.....515 Fell Street, San Francisco
Scott, G. W.....Lemoore
Scott, Winfield, D.D.....U. S. A., Angel Island
*Sears, Jesse S.....Azusa
*Shaw, J.....Los Angeles
*Shearin, D. T.....Millville
*Smith, Dexter P., D.D.....Santa Ana
Smith, Harvey.....Shingletown
*Smith, R. H.....El Monte
Spencer, Bunyan.....1125 Ellis Street, San Francisco
Spencer, W. C.....Alameda
Spoon, P. J.....Willow Ranch
*Stark, J. I. G.....Alturas
*Stenger, W. H.....San Diego
Stephens, T. H.....Wheatland
Stewart, Chas. W.....Arbuckle
*Stockwell, J. N.....Lemoore
Sturtevant, A. J.....Vallejo
*Sawyers, M. K.....Little Lake
Swena, Anson.....Henleyville
*Taft, S. A., D.D.....Ukiah
Taylor, C. S.....Lakeport
Taylor, D. T.....Upper Lake
*Thompson, W.....Yuba City
Thompson, R. S.....Biggs Station
*Tombes, J. B., D.D.....Anaheim
Tomlinson, A. B.....Duarte
T'ong, Kit Hing.....10 Virginia Street, San Francisco
Van Doren, De W. T.....703 Valencia Street, San Francisco
*Waller, E.....Cambria
*Webb, Abner.....East Oakland
*Webb, J. C.....Oakland
*Wells, James.....Red Bluff
*Wheeler O. C., LL.D.....Oakland
*Whitney, L.....Los Angeles
Whitcomb, Orrin.....Willits
Wood, I. D.....Ceres
Wood, W. O.....Springville
*Wright, M. V.....Riverside
*Woolsey, J. J.....San Gabriel
Webb, A. W.....Tulare

Corrections and additions are solicited.

Licentiates

Hollenbeck, William.....Pine Grove Church, Shasta Co.
Crane, L. P.....Pilgrims Church, San Francisco
Hayford, G. O.....Calvary Church, Sacramento
Van Buskirk, J.....Emmanuel Church, San Jose
Burrel, W. J.....Santa Clara Church
Keeler, Rufus.....Sonora Church

Missionaries.

General Secretary.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.

Missionary Pastors.

H. E. Adams, Selma.
C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff.
T. R. Bowles, Compton.
W. R. Connelly, Napa.
C. W. Gregory, Los Angeles.
J. M. Helsley Wadsworth, Nevada.
C. H. Hobart, Los Gatos.
S. C. Keetch, Gonzales.
G. Liljeroth, Oakland.
J. F. Merriam, Orange.
L. M. Protzman, Penryn.
Thos. Phillips, San Bernardino.
A. M. Russell, Chico.

To Chinese.

J. B. Hartwell, Supt., 1011 Mason St., S. F.
Mrs. J. L. Sanford, 920 Clay St., S. F.
Miss Electa J. Booth, 920 Clay St., S. F.
Miss Nellie E. Hartwell, 1011 Mason St., S. F.
Rev. Tong Kit Hing, 10 Virginia St., S. F.
Mrs. J. R. Bradway, Oakland.
Mrs. M. T. Huntting, Fresno.
Miss Eliza Willsie, Sacramento.
Miss Mary E. Shouse, Chico.

Summary.

missionaries in california.

General Secretary..... 1
Missionary Pastors 13
Superintendent Chinese Missions...1
Missionaries to Chinese.....8

ministers.

Ordained Ministers 176
In Ministerial Work..... 96
Licentiates.....6

associations and churches.

Associations..... 8
Unassociated Churches.....14
Churches that reported to Statistical Secretary.....55
Total Number of Churches.....133

MEMBERSHIP.

Baptized during the year	561	Net Gain	753
Total Gain	1516	Total Membership	6780
Total Loss	763		

PROPERTY.

Value of Property	$445.727	Improvements during the year	$25,503
Indebtedness	40,493	Seating capacity	18,815

WORSHIP.

Average Attendance upon Preaching	5,368	Annual Cost of Worship	$45,179

BENEVOLENCES.

Foreign Missions	$1,656.60	A. B. Publication Society	$ 535.17
Home Missions	3,068.47	Other Benevolences	4,906.69
Cal. Chinese Missions	322.45	Total Benevolences	20,089.38
Higher Education, amount reported	9,600.00		

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Baptist Sunday and Mission Schools	97	Pupils Enrolled	7,154
Union Schools in connection with Baptist Churches	5	Average Attendance of Pupils	4,276
Officers and Teachers enrolled	745	Volumes in Libraries	5,896
Average Attendance of Officers and Teachers	657	Value of Libraries	$2,154
		Annual Expense of Schools	3,796
		Benevolences	1,042

Schools Using our Denominational Literature 56

J. B. HARTWELL,
Statistical Secretary.

MINISTERS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The Baptist Ministers' and Laymen's Conference, of California, met in the First Baptist Church of Oakland, on Tuesday evening, May 3d, 1887, President Bunyan Spencer presiding. Rev. C. C. Bateman read the Scriptures, and prayer was offered by Bro. Merriman, of Santa Cruz.

The President appointed the following Committee on Arrangements: Rev. E. H. Gray, Rev. G. S. Abbott, and Rev. C. H. Hobart. On Nominations: Rev. A. C. Herrick, Dea. P. U. Blunt, and Rev. W. C. Spencer.

Dr. Frost read the first paper, entitled, "Probation After Death," which was handled vigorously, and the assumptions of the new theology exposed.

The Committee on Nominations reported Rev. A. J. Sturtevant for President, and Rev. W. T. Fleenor for Secretary. Report adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements reported on programme for the following day.

Conference adjourned.

Wednesday Morning, May 4.

After devotional service, led by Rev. W. R. Connelly, the Conference was called to order at half-past nine o'clock, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant in the chair. Rev. M. L. Rugg offered prayer. Rev. A. C. Herrick read a very able paper on "Character Building," which was discussed by Brethren Garnett, Jordan, Connelly, Frost and others. At this point it was moved to take up the paper read by Dr. Frost last evening, and discuss it. Brethren Abbott, Hatch, Connelly, and Frost participated in the discussion. Doctors Abbott and Gray were appointed to confer with Dr. Frost, and present to the body a formulated statement concerning probation after death, so that the Conference might give public expression to its views on the subject.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. C. H. Hobart delivered an address on "Systematic Giving," which elicited considerable discussion.

Adjourned for lunch.

The Conference met at 1:45 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Duncan. Rev. C. C. Bateman, P. D. Code and Rev. T. M. Merriman were appointed to nominate a Committee on Programme for next year.

Rev. E. B. Hatch read a paper on the "Jewish Sabbath," which was listened to with much interest, and discussed by Brethren Lawrence, Burroughs, Merriman and others.

The last paper was read by Dr. G. S. Abbott, on the "Casuistry of Paul," and was discussed by Brethren Frost, Fleenor, Jordan and Hartwell. It was voted that a copy of the papers read at this Conference be deposited with the Secretary of the Baptist Historical Society, to be organized at this meeting. It was moved and adopted that all the papers read before the Conference, be published in the "Herald of Truth."

The Committee on Nomination reported the following Committee on Programme for next year: Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, Dr. G. S. Abbott, and Deacon W. R. Strong.

The Committee on Dr. Frost's paper reported as follows:

Resolved, That we have listened with great pleasure and profit to the able and timely address of Dr. A. J. Frost, upon "Probation After Death," and herewith put on record our belief that this theory is unsupported by a single "Thus saith the Lord."

Resolved, That we request the author of this paper to publish the same in any such form as will be agreeable to himself.

The report was unanimously adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the churches entertaining the body. The Conference adjourned at 5 o'clock P. M., with prayer by Rev. C. C. Bateman.

A. J. STURTEVANT, President.
W. T. FLEENOR, Secretary.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

WOMAN'S BAPTIST

HOME : MISSION : SOCIETY

OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD WITH THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OAKLAND,

APRIL 28, 1887.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of missions by the cultivation of a missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid in evangelization, or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become an annual member of this Society, by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of twenty-five dollars at any one time, or in installments, paying not less than five dollars at one time.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer of Printing Fund, Auditor, and an Associational Secretary for each Baptist Association in the State; all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a

majority ballot vote. Presidents of Associational Societies shall be Vice Presidents, ex-officio, of this Society.

ART. V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place, to hear official reports, elect officers for the year ensuing, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ART. VI. The Executive Board shall have general direction and oversight of the interest and work of the Society, during the interval between the annual meetings. This Board shall consist of all the officers of the Society, and any member or members elected by said officers, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in June, September, December and March, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

ART. VIII. The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

ART. IX. In case of the death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ART. X. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of its members.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the ——— Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its object shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of Missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any one may become a member of this circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Society of California, by contributing to the funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and as many collectors of subscriptions as may be necessary to make each member of the church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises such as shall be arranged by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I. This society shall be called the———Mission Band of the——— Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its object shall be to develop an interest in the cause of Missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band, by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those usually assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All moneys raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society
OF CALIFORNIA.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 107 Ridley street, San Francisco.
Vice President.—Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough street, San Francisco.
Corresponding Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.
Recording Secretary.—Mrs. J. W. Henry, Alameda.
Treasurer.—Mrs. S. B. Morse, East Sixteenth street, Oakland.
Auditor.—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Oakland.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association.—Mrs. W. D. Ewer, Los Gatos.
Sacramento River Association.—Mrs. C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff.
Clear Lake Association.—Mrs. E. Starr, Lakeport, Lake County.
Pacific Association.—Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, Vallejo.

Los Angeles Association.—Mrs. H. C. Bristol, Los Angeles.
Santa Barbara Association.—Mrs. J. W. Calkins, Santa Barbara.
Tulare Association.—Mrs. H. C. Adams, Selma, Fresno County.

SPECIAL OFFICERS.

Treasurer Lin Chow Educational Fund.—Mrs. E. H. Gray, 762 Twelfth street, Oakland.
Treasurer Printing Fund.—Miss A. S. Williams, 1012 Tenth avenue, Oakland.
Bureau of Intelligence.—Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough street, San Francisco.
Bureau of Supplies.—Mrs. J. W. Henry, Alameda.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Mrs. B. C. Wright, Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. E. F. Joy, Mrs. E. Kennedy, Mrs. G. E. Duncan, Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. John Wilson, San Francisco; Mrs. S. B. Morse, Mrs. E. H. Gray, Miss A. S. Williams, Mrs. J. R. Bradway, Mrs. Olney, Mrs. W. T. Fleenor, Oakland; Mrs. J. H. Garnett, Mrs. Amringe, East Oakland; Mrs. W. D. Ewer, Los Gatos; Mrs. C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff; Mrs. E. Starr, Lakeport; Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, Vallejo; Mrs. H. C. Bristol, Los Angeles; Mrs. J. W. Calkins, Santa Barbara; Mrs. H. C. Adams, Selma; Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. J. W. Henry, Mrs. Blanding, Alameda.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries.—Mrs. O. J. McKinnon, San Francisco; Mrs. W. T. Fleenor, Oakland.

Resolutions.—Mrs. A. W. Runyan, San Jose; Mrs. G. T. Garthwaite, Oakland.

State of the Work in California.—Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, Los Angeles; Mrs. A. C. Herrick, Sacramento.

Associational Work.—Mrs. I. D. Wood, Ceres; Mrs. C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. E. H. Gray, Mrs. E. M. Chapman, Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, Mrs. Sally Wilson, Mrs. Dorcas Clark, Mrs. O. K. Wright, Mrs. I. S. Eshleman, Miss Augusta Williams, Mrs. C. S. Capp.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California was held in the First Baptist Church of Oakland, Apr. 28, 1887.

From 10 to 10:30 A.M. was occupied with a devotional meeting, led by Mrs. N. J. Thompson, who opened the meeting by reading the 11th psalm.

At 10:30, the Society was called to order, the President in the chair.

A welcome to the visiting churches was given by Mrs. C. T. Garthwaite of Oakland, and the response by Mrs. C. F. Davis, of Los Gatos.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report accepted. (See last page.)

The Corresponding Secretary then presented the following report, which was accepted:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As we stand at the close of this year, and look back over the work done, it is with feelings of joy, mingled with regret. Our hearts are made to rejoice at the interest we see spreading throughout the State, but we regret that we have not done more in this great work of Home Missions. Twenty-six letters and sixty-six postals have been written. Appeals have been sent through the State. Seventeen letters have been received, and five postals. Two letters received were reports of Circles formed, and another reported a Band formed. The letters are all encouraging, showing the interest is deepening; and ere another year has passed, we hope to see many more of the churches interested in this work.

The interest throughout the State is greatly due to the earnest and persevering efforts of our President. She has written seventy-five letters and forty postals, besides sending out Home Mission literature.

We look forward with joy to the leaflet we hope to see published, for then those who are lacking in interest for want of knowledge will have that want in a measure supplied.

As we close this year, with a feeling that not as much has been accomplished as we had hoped, we feel that the work is the Lord's, and leave the results in his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. Williams, Corresponding Secretary.

The Recording Secretary then brought in her report, which will be found following these minutes, which, after the reading, was accepted by the Society.

The report of Mrs. E. H. Gray, Treasurer of the Lin Chow Educational Fund, was approved. (See Treasurer's report.) Remarks on this report by Mrs. Garthwaite. According to this report, the Society is indebted to Mrs. Bradway about $75 for this fund, she having advanced the money when needed.

Report of Printing Committee read and approved. The Committee report four hundred and seventy-five annual reports, and one thousand and seventy-five leaflets, printed and distributed.

Letters of greeting were read from Miss Emma Parsons, a missionary stationed at Ogden; from Mrs. Hunting, successor to Mrs. Potter, missionary to the Chinese in Fresno; and from Miss Mary Shouse of the Chico Chinese Mission.

Mrs. J. R. Bradway offered prayer, and followed with a report of her work.

The following report of Mrs. F. E. Caton, Secretary of Santa Clara Valley Society, was listened to with interest.

On invitation from the ladies of the Los Gatos Baptist Church, the Woman's Mission Circle of the Baptist Churches of San Jose and Santa Clara met with them for a missionary meeting September 9th, 1885. The meeting was such a marked success that it was decided to effect a permanent organization. Accordingly, when we gathered again, September 8th, 1886, with the ladies of the Santa Clara Baptist church, the committee brought in the constitution, which was adopted, and a permanent organization completed, with Mrs. J. W. Henry, of Santa Clara, President; Mrs. A. W. Runyan, of San Jose, Mrs. W. H. Latourette, of Los Gatos, and Mrs. L. Burrell, of Santa Clara, Vice Presidents; Mrs. F. E. Caton, of San Jose, Secretary; Mrs. Maggie Burrell, of Santa Clara, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 10 A. M. by Mrs. E. M. Chapman, of San Jose, who conducted the devotional exercises; after which, Mrs. Henry was

called to the chair, and the following programme rendered. The welcome was written by Mrs. L. Burrell in the form of a poem, and recited prettily by her little daughter, Edie. Five papers were read: by Mrs. Henry, on "The Home Mission Society, its Field and Work"; by Mrs. Bangs, on "The Work among the Freedmen"; by Mrs. Runyan, on "Methods of Giving"; by Mrs. Wood, on "The Needs of California for Home Mission Work"; and Mrs. Bristol, on "Mormon Women." Mrs. Van Buskirk conducted a Bible reading on Home Missions. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Latourette, Rev. Mr. Crittenden, Mrs. Keelon, a Cherokee sister, and Mrs. R. L. W. Davis and Mrs. B. C. Wright, of San Francisco. Discussion on "The Methods of Giving" was participated in by several. The Santa Clara choir rendered excellent music. The ladies of Santa Clara provided a bounteous lunch, which was enjoyed by all. There were seventy-one at this meeting, and a collection of $10 was taken, to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. These have been very precious meetings, and of great profit to all present.

MRS. F. E. CATON, Secretary.

After prayer by Dr. S. B. Morse, the meeting adjourned until after lunch, which was served in the parlors of the church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 P. M. was held a devotional meeting, led by Mrs. L. P. Huntsman, who read a portion of Scripture, which was followed by prayer by Mrs. O. J. McKinnon, and singing, "How firm a foundation."

Meeting called to order at 2 P. M. President in the chair, who opened the meeting by an address to the Society.

The report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution was read and accepted. The constitution, as now printed, was then adopted article by article.

The following recommendation from the Executive Board, "That this Society shall publish a leaflet quarterly, to be used in the meetings of the Circles and Bands," was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows: President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis; Vice President, Mrs. B. C. Wright; Recording Secretary, Miss Ella Bradway, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Latourette; Treasurer, Mrs. S. B. Morse; Auditor, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D. (Associational secretaries and special officers reported as printed.)

The Secretary was requested to cast the vote for the list of officers, which was done, and the new board was elected as nominated.

(Miss Ella Bradway subsequently resigned the office of Recording Secretary, and Mrs. J. W. Henry was appointed to fill her place.)

Miss Electa J. Booth, one of the teachers in the Chinese Mission at San Francisco, was present, with her report of her work, which was laid over until the meeting in connection with the Convention; but she having brought some of the Chinese boys and girls, was called on for some exercises by them. The first was a solo by a little boy, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," to which a class of little ones under direction of Miss Ella Bradway gave a response by singing "I Love to Tell the Story." There were, in addition to this, five recitations and a song by three boys, all from this class.

Rev. Mr. Latourette moved that a collection be taken up to pay the expenses of the Chinese class over to Oakland, and that they be invited to come to the Convention.

The report of Enrollment Committee was then made. The Committee on Resolutions then reported as follows:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God another annual meeting is before us, a meeting in which it is wise to take a review of last year's work; and

WHEREAS, We realize that we have reason to rejoice in the growth of interest (slow, but sure) in Home Missions, yet we realize, also, that it is far from what our Master has a right to expect of us:

Resolved, That we would urge upon each lady member the neceeaity of more direct effort—more personal effort, remembering the words of Paul, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds."—Rom. ii: 6.

WHEREAS, We rejoice in the fact that the Home Board of New York has approved of the selection of Rev. Mr. Latourette as General Secretary of this State—a selection in which great wisdom has been shown, as well as honor paid to an efficient servant of of our Master—

Resolved, That Brother Latourette be requested to aid the ladies in preparing for the use of the different Ladies' Home Mission Societies some leaflets or pamphlets, showing forth the object and need of the Home Mission work, giving facts and figures, rules and regulations for forming Mission Bands, etc.

WHEREAS, The ladies of the First Baptist Church, Oakland, have in their sisterly spirit so kindly entertained this Convention:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the ladies for their entertainment.

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Abbott has proved himself a staunch friend of our Society:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be rendered to Rev. Dr. Abbott, editor of the "Herald of Truth," for the free use of his columns, and for all his notices regarding our Society.

MRS. GEO. B. RIEMAN.

A collection for Printing Fund amounted to $4.20.

The "Sweet By and By" was sung by a little Chinese boy as a solo, the congregation joining in the chorus.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. Cogswell and Mrs. Garthwaite, was appointed to secure a place of meeting for the Society on Thursday, May 5.

After benediction by Rev. J. H. Garnett, the Society adjourned.

REPORT OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

An adjourned meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society was held in the Christian Church, Oakland, at 10 A. M., May 5th, 1887. President in chair. Meeting opened by reading of the 8th chapter of Hebrews, by Mrs. Davis; prayers were offered by Mrs. Cogswell and Mrs. Wood, of Ceres, after which all joined in singing, "All Hail the power of Jesus' Name."

The President addressed the Society in a few words, showing her interest in the work, and some of the plans for the coming year.

The newly appointed Recording Secretary having declined to serve, Mrs. D. Sawtelle was elected Secretary pro tem.

Minutes read and approved. The following reports of committees were then received.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

PRESENTED BY MRS. B. C. WRIGHT.

Soon after the annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, of 1886, applications were frequently made to the different officers of this Society for helps and suggestions in organizing and carrying on Mission

Circles. At that time we had but few papers bearing on our home field, and it was apparent that a Bureau of Intelligence was imperative. At a meeting of the Executive Board held in the First Church, San Francisco, August 18th, it was established. Since that time the sisters have responded nobly, by sending original papers prepared for the home field. In this way we have been able to comply with many requests for helps. We have on hand one poem, a number of interesting papers, also two printed leaflets for circulation. It is desired that all papers prepared for use in Circles and Bands be passed over to this Bureau.

MRS. B. C. WRIGHT.

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following report:

Since our last annual meeting, we have been called to part with three dear sisters who were accustomed to meet with us.

Mrs. John Francis, who for many years was identified with the Home Mission work among the Chinese, in connection with her husband, the Rev. John Francis. She was well known in the denomination as an earnest Christian worker. She died in October, 1886, after a short illness.

Miss Van Amringe, a dear young sister much interested in Christian service, has also been called to come up higher by the Lord. These sisters were members of the East Oakland Church.

Mrs. Mary Ringo has passed to her reward after a very painful illness, which she bore with patience and submission to the Divine Will. Sister Ringo was a member of the Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco.

Report of Committee on "State of the Work in California," was given in two papers; one by Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, for Southern California, and one by Mrs. W. H. Latourette for Northern California, and read by Mrs. W. H. Latourette.

Your Committee on the State of the Work are happy to report that the year just closing has been the most prosperous in our history.

1. The number of Home Mission Circles is greater than ever before. Their efficiency has been greatly increased. A more thorough organization, a better understanding of methods, and a wider dissemination of facts relative to the work, have stimulated a deeper interest and enlarged the desire to meet the demands of our work.

2. It is cheering to note the progress made in the education of the children and youth in the missionary spirit. A number of the churches have Children's Bands, and report good results. Special attention should be called to the Band in charge of Mrs. Garthwaite, of the First Church, Oakland. Reference to the Treasurer's report will show that this band contributed thirty-five dollars to the work. Their example will be helpful to others. Deserving also of particular reference is the helpful service of the Young Ladies' Circles of the East Oakland Church, and the First Church, San Francisco.

3. Cause appears for thanksgiving, in view of the large increase in contributions from the circles. Under God this increase has been due chiefly to the

activity of our officers, and particularly to that of our President, who in person and by letter has pushed the work with ceaseless activity. In addition to the money contributed to our treasury, a number of our circles have sent substantial aid directly to our missionaries. Such aid, given under the suggestion of the General Secretary of the Convention, has been in the form of barrels of clothing and other useful articles. The possibilities of service in this direction during the year to come should be sought by all our circles.

4. On the field the work of our missionary pastors has been unusually prosperous. Since a year ago, the aggregate membership of the churches aided by the Mission Board has been increased scarcely less than twenty per cent. In some instances, as at Chico and Orange, the increase has been more than one hundred per cent. One or two churches have become self-sustaining, and several church edifices have been completed, in the erection of which aid was given by the Home Mission Society of New York.

5. Though much has already been done, the work still before us is stupendous. Many large and populous counties have not a single Baptist Church. One half the county-seats have no such church. Twenty other towns, having more than a thousand inhabitants each, await our labor. The demands upon the Mission Board are largely in excess of the ability to supply. And the demands are monthly increasing. More than one half our population is foreign, or are their descendants of the first generation. And they represent many nationalities. The claims upon us of the Chinese, Scandinavians, Germans, Swiss and Italians press upon us with peculiar force.

MRS. W. H. LATOURETTE.

You ask me to report the outlook of the Home Mission work in Southern California. That will involve, First, the prospective needs of the field; Second, the prospective supplies to meet those needs.

As to the prospective needs of Home Mission Work in Southern California, they could hardly be exaggerated. Where were barren wastes one or two years ago, are now thriving towns. The influx of population surpasses anything of which there are records. Single cities may have increased in population in a higher ratio for a few years than Los Angeles for the same time, but it is safe to say that no stretch of country has filled up more rapidly than the lower counties of Southern California. There are many Christians among those who come, but the greater number are unbelievers. Sunday schools must be formed, and Christians must be gathered into church organizations, and church homes built almost in a day, if religious life is to keep pace with secular interests and prosperity. Who shall do this work? Surely not the new-comers, unassisted by efficient, consecrated leaders. They could not do this work if they would. In many instances their energies of mind and body are taxed to the utmost in securing the necessities and comforts of life during the first few years of "getting a start." Willing-hearted men and women are to be found in every community, but they need able leadership, and they have not the means at first to command this. For years to come, Southern California must appeal to our Home Mission Society for help. The German and Scandinavian populations are increasing rapidly, with quite a large per cent. of Baptists. Already in Los Angeles a German Baptist Church has been organized, with a membership

of forty, under the ministerial charge of an able and successful worker, Rev. Koehler. The Scandinavians must organize in due time, and both these interests ought to have immediate and substantial help from our Home Mission Society. In many small towns efforts should be made to push the work of our denomination. Such are Colton, Monrovia, Banning, San Jacinto, Orange, etc. In some of these places we already have churches with buildings; in others we should have, and must have, if we are to take the field as our Great Captain designs.

Now, as to the prospective supply of these needs from the field. San Diego, Riverside, Santa Ana, Pomona, Pasadena, and the First of Los Angeles are self-supporting: more than that, an aggressive, willing spirit prevails in these and many other churches. East Los Angeles and San Bernardino will not need assistance in the future, and the outlook for supplies from these sources is bright. The First Church of Los Angeles will support for some time to come a worker in their mission field. The outlook for supplies is more promising than at any previous time; but more of our Saviour's priceless love and sacrifice could easily fill the coffers of the Lord, so that the means for pushing his work would be sufficient, if not abundant.

Yours in His name,
SUSAN M. DORSEY.

The President spent a few minutes in explaining a "Map," which gave to those present an idea of the great need of work for the next year, to help place pastors over destitute churches, and build churches where needed; also, explaining the need of Associational Secretaries, and the work of such officers.

Reports were read from Mrs. W. D. Ewer of Los Gatos, Associational Secretary of Central Association; from Mrs. C. C. Bateman, a report from Sacramento River Association; and from Mrs. H. E. Adams of Selma, a report of Tulare Association.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Had I known, when I accepted the position of Associational Secretary, of the changes that were to come that have so hindered me in the work, I think I should have declined to take up a work involving so much care and responsibility. But in accepting it, I did it prayerfully, and guided by the light given me. It is unnecessary to tell of the work undone which I had planned. My efforts have been directed chiefly toward reaching those churches which have no circles, seeking to awaken an interest in Home Mission work, and the formation of circles where none existed. The responses that have come have been of cordial sympathy with the work, but with some saying, "We are struggling to sustain ourselves, and carry on the work in our own church." In conversation, one fact has been brought very forcibly to me, and I wish to emphasize what I have said in the past in the same direction. It is more a want of knowledge of the need for this work than any other cause, that keeps so many from

entering heartily into the work. Let there be a more persistent effort to place before the women, especially, the demand upon them to take this cause into their hands and hearts in this coming year.

In the interest of the work, I have written eighteen letters and four postals; have received nine letters, and two packages of literature.

Number of churches in Association, twenty-three; circles re-organized in three churches; one new circle organized, making thirteen circles in the Association.

MRS. W. D. EWER.

Mrs. C. C. Bateman, Secretary of the Sacramento River Association, writes that while the matter of the organization of circles has been discussed among the ladies privately, no definite action has been taken. She feels "the need of organized effort all along the line." She hopes our "literary venture will be a success," and "prays for the continued success of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California."

EXTRACTS OF REPORT FROM TULARE ASSOCIATION.

Fresno has a Mission Circle, organized in October, 1886, Mrs. Sayle, president; and a Children's Band, called Little Helpers, organized about November 1st, Mrs. J. S. Eastward, director.

At the time of our Association, we had an evening given to the ladies. Papers were read, and we had a good meeting. We raised $3, which we expended for literature, and distributed among the different churches. Quite an interest was excited, which resulted in the organization of a Mission Circle in Selma. We, however, did not organize an Associational Society at that time, but we will try to do so at our next meeting.

We think your plan for a paper is wise. We will help support it by sending our *needs*, if we can do no more.

MRS. H. E. ADAMS, Selma.

Miss Clara P. Hull brought to us a greeting from Mrs. C. S. Capp, President of Foreign Mission Society, who has been confined to her home for some time by sickness, but who, though absent in body, was present in spirit. Mrs. Dr. Bradway followed with prayer, especially for our dearly loved Sister Capp.

Mrs. Garthwaite moved that a committee of two ladies be appointed to prepare a suitable message to send back to Mrs. Capp, expressive of our love and sympathy. Seconded and carried by a rising vote, and Mrs. Bradway and Mrs. Garthwaite were appointed by chair.

Mrs. Bradway gave us an interesting paper—a running history of Lim Chow, who is expected to return to San Francisco, he having completed his studies.

The President told us of the paper to be published by the Woman's Home Mission Society. It is to be a quarterly; price, 25 cents a year.

Mrs. A. C. Herrick, of Sacramento, reported, as one item of work in the Calvary Baptist Church, two boxes of clothing, etc., sent out, and she promises the organization of a Home Mission Society.

Miss Emma Mower and Miss Gussie Willlams went round among the ladies, and secured thirty-eight subscribers to the new Quarterly. Mrs. Wood of Ceres, and Mrs. Merriman of Santa Cruz, gave reports of the work in their church circles.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Obituaries.—Mrs. O. J. McKinnon, Mrs. W. T. Fleenor.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Runyan, Mrs. H. Garthwaite.

State of the Work.—Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, Mrs. A. C. Herrick.

Work in the Associations.—Mrs. Wood, Ceres, Mrs. C. C. Bateman.

After collection, the meeting adjourned; collection, $3.15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A meeting of the W. B. H. M. Society was held at 1:30 o'clock, in connection with the General Baptist Convention, at the First Baptist Church, Oakland, May 5th, 1887.

Opened by an address by the President.

Miss Electa J. Booth read a good paper on Chinese Mission Work, embodying a report of her work in the Chinese Mission of San Francisco. Several exercises were given by little Chinese children who accompanied Miss Booth.

Miss Mower and Miss Williams took up the collection—$8.15.

It was moved by Mrs. Dr. Gray and seconded by Mrs. H. Garthwaite, that Miss Booth's paper be published in the first "Quarterly."

Meeting then adjourned.

MRS. D. SAWTELLE,
Secretary, *pro tem.*

THE SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

During the year there have been four regular and two special meetings of the Executive Board, and four public quarterly meetings of the Society, in different Baptist Churches in San Francisco, Oakland, and Alameda.

The first quarterly meeting was held July 27th, 1886, in the Fifth Baptist Church of San Francisco. It was said to be one of the best the Society had ever held.

We were much gratified at having with us Mrs. Gregory, Vice President of the Home Mission Society of Arizona, and Miss Emma Parsons of Ogden, a missionary of the Home Mission Society of the West. Both these ladies were exceedingly interesting in their accounts of the work in their respective fields. Miss Parsons amused as well as interested us by her manner in telling us of the peculiarity of the life of women in the region of Mormondom, and gave us a better idea of the nature of the work, and the difficulty in the way of success of the work in Utah, than many of us, at least, had ever received.

Mrs. Gregory, in her history of the Baptist Church of Phenix, Arizona, touched all our hearts. How little do many of us know what *real* self-denial and sacrifice is, when we think what it has cost her and the people of that church in their struggle for church-life.

At this meeting Mrs. Bunyan Spencer read a very able paper on "Plans for Work."

The Semi-Annual Meeting was a grand meeting. It was held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Central Association, which convened with the San Pablo Avenue Baptist Church, the First M. E. Church kindly offering the Society the use of a room.

Mrs. W. D. Ewer read a paper on "Needs of California," and Mrs. J. W. Henry one on the "Work in California." Both these ladies urged upon the Society more aggressive work, and more of a realization of the needs of our State.

The Third Quarterly Meeting was held in the Alameda Baptist Church, and was an encouraging meeting. We had a most excellent paper on "Necessity for Home Mission Work," read by Mrs. W. H. Latourette, which was afterwards published in pamphlet form and distributed among the churches.

The Annual Meeting was held in the First Baptist Church of Oakland. A very large attendance and much interest; and many plans for more extended work were discussed—work that shall tell directly upon the ladies of the churches in the inland towns more particularly; the churches near and round about the Bay having the meetings of the Society to visit, and thus get ideas to carry back to their circles and bands. And the first step in this direction was the appointment of Associational Secretaries. We have had two acting in this capacity through the year, but not appointed by the Society. The new year opens with seven—one for each Association in the State. Then to answer the demands for printed matter, leaflets, etc., was established the "Bureau of Intelligence," that led to a publishing fund, and that in turn again to a Quarterly published by the Society, called "The Home Field," which will give us reports of the work; and papers read before the Society will thus be sent out for help in the work of circles, etc.

As will be seen, we have heard of the needs of our State, the necessity of the work being done by our own Society, and we have had plans mapped out for us. And so we come to the end of the year. We have made progress, we feel encouraged, but all the more do we feel how small is the best we can do this next year, to answer the demands made upon us as Christian women.

Have we taken home with us from these meetings any inspiration, that has helped us to do something to supply these great needs, or any deeper feeling of individual responsibility in the matter? Have we been led to pray more, and earnestly for the means to carry on the work, or for wisdom to devise plans to use the money to the best advantage? If so, then it has not been altogether in vain that we have laid aside our home cares, and given the hours to this branch of the Lord's work.

But if at the close of the year we stand just where we did at its beginning, let us resolve that we will no longer be loiterers in the Vineyard of the Lord, but will ask that our eyes may be opened, that we may see the fields all ready for the harvest, and count it an honor to be permitted to be one of the laborers.

Let the encouragements of the past year only make us more zealous for the future.

MRS. D. SAWTELLE, Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Another year has been sealed to us; we cannot turn backward and undo anything that is done. It is closed to us forever.

As we take a retrospective view of the work of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society for the past year, we can but have a feeling of satisfaction over some things, and disappointment and sorrow over others.

The Society had hoped to see greater results of work accomplished at the close of the year; had hoped, too, that the corps of workers would have a greater increase in numbers. Some willing workers have fallen into the ranks, and shown their willingness to co-operate with the Society.

Our Maker has indeed given us a State with numerous attractions, the wonders of nature magnificently displayed in many forms, and the whole crowned with a climate to attract a vast population. The unoccupied portions of our State are rapidly becoming populated.

Multitudes of people are coming here to seek homes—people from almost every division of the globe; some from Christian homes, and some from heathen lands. What is to be done for this vast multitude which is flocking into our midst? Is not this a time for sober thought? As an auxiliary to the General Baptist Convention of California, shall we not demonstrate to them more and more each year what can be accomplished by a band of praying, working women, to assist them in carrying on the work of the Master? Christ honored woman when upon the earth, and was pleased with her service. It was woman who first beheld our Lord after his resurrection from the grave.

Much work has been accomplished in the last year, that to a casual observer would not be noticeable. When the harvest will be gathered we know not; we must trust and wait, hope and pray, always remembering, "Neither is he

that planteth anything, neither he that watereth : but God that giveth the increase."

Public meetings have been held by the Society every three months, in the churches around the Bay, where the circles extended invitations to the Society to meet. The plan of the meetings has been to awaken a greater interest in the work. Essays bearing upon Home Mission work have been prepared and read at these meetings.

At the first quarterly meeting of the year, we had the pleasure of having Mrs. U. Gregory, of Tucson, Arizona, and Miss Emma Parsons, of Ogden, Utah, present. Mrs. Gregory was welcomed as an old friend and acquaintance by many present, her home having been in San Francisco not many years ago. Upon invitation, she addressed the Society. Her first plea was for a little church in Phœnix, where she and her husband had been located a few years ago. The membership is small, and most of them very poor, but with the help which they were able to get from the Home Mission Society, they succeeded in getting a building erected and comfortably furnished, but not painted. This was not accomplished, however, without great sacrifice on the part of many. Mrs. Gregory said, after their struggle to secure their little house of worship, it would soon be ruined unless it was painted, the boards already beginning to warp badly. Much interest was manifested among those present, and it was determined that if a barrel of paint would save the Phœnix Church, which had been gotten by such struggles and sacrifices as we were told they made, it should be sent to them as soon as possible. Rev. and Mrs. Gregory are located now at Tucson ; they have no house of worship. With the ever-changing population, they find it difficult to do effective work in the way of church organization and building. The spirit manifested was that of a true missionary.

Miss Parsons also consented to tell us of her work among the Mormon women and children. They have an Industrial School, where the children are taught many useful things, as well as instructed in the Bible. It is found difficult to do effective work among the women, they are for the most part so firmly established in their belief. They are taught that no woman can go to heaven unless her husband does; so they consent to the plurality of wives, that as many women as possible may be sure of heaven. Their system of trade is almost entirely by exchange, so that many of the people rarely, if ever, handle any money. Consequently, if they would leave the settlement they cannot for the want of means. Thus they are kept prisoners in Mormondon. Miss Parsons will long be remembered by those who met her.

In the early part of September, a meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Society was held in the Santa Clara church. The meeting was a delightful one, showing much thought and time expended in its preparation. All such meetings, we are sure, are fruitful of much good.

The Chinese Mission Sch ool in Oakland is under the care of Mrs. J. R. Bradway. Mrs. Bradway is a noble Christian woman, and works with unceasing energy. Her work has been blessed by many members of her school being brought to Christ, and some have given themselves as servants in his vineyard. Lim Chow is one of these ; he has been in Dr. Graves' school in Canton, China,

for the last three years, preparing for Christian work among his people in California.

Much credit is due each circle where the Society has met during the year, for their hospitality. Special mention should be made of the bounteous lunch and beautiful decorations at the First Baptist Church, Oakland, at time of the annual meeting.

With such unity of purpose and thought as has characterized the last year's work, may it ever be that those who stand at the head of this Society have one thought and theme, and that, the advancement of Christ our Lord, who came to earth and gave himself a ransom for us, and ascended to the Father in Heaven, and left his disciples to proclaim salvation to a perishing world. With the Psalmist may we say, "sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion; declare among the people his goodness."

MRS. R. L. W. DAVIS.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF GOODS.

San Francisco First Church.....One barrel.
Oakland, First Church.....One barrel.
East Oakland.....Two barrels.
Sacramento, Calvary.....One barrel.
Alameda.....One barrel.
Santa Cruz, Mission Band..One Quilt for Ladies' Dormitory, Highland Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1ST, 1887.

Receipts.

1886.			
May	1	Balance in Treasury from Collections at San Pablo Church	$ 4 10
	7	Collections at First Church, San Francisco, Convention	12 15
July	15	Riverside Church	15 00
	20	Brooklyn Church	19 25
	20	Mrs. Huddleston	5 00
	20	Mrs. W. H. Barnes	1 00
Sept.	30	Per Mrs. Levensaler, First Church, San Francisco	25 00
Oct.	7	Stockton, First Church, per Mrs. Ralph	20 00
	7	Penryn Church	6 00
Nov.	28	San Jose, First Church	5 00
	28	Brooklyn	5 00
Dec.	1	Santa Cruz, Willing Workers	5 00
	2	Brooklyn	12 00
1887.			
Jan.	4	Emmanuel, San Jose	9 00
	7	Santa Clara	5 00
	14	Collections per Mrs. Sawtelle	4 55
	14	Willing Workers, Brooklyn	2 55
	26	First Church, San Francisco	15 00
	26	First Church, Oakland	16 54

Feb. 10.	Hamilton Square	9 25
Mar. 22.	Per Mrs. Levensaler, First Church, San Francisco	10 00
23.	Mrs. Capp, San Francisco, life membership	25 00
April 7.	Earnest Workers, First Church, San Francisco	11 25
7.	Infant Class, Oakland, First Church, for Mexico.	2 50
26.	Young Ladies' Band, Brooklyn	25 00
26.	Woman's Circle, Brooklyn	10 00
26.	First Church, Oakland, per Mrs. Getchell	
	$10 of which to make Mrs. L. H. Smith a life member	21 50
26.	First Church, Oakland, Day Star Band	15 00
27.	San Pablo Church	5 00
28.	Alameda	13 50
28.	Fifth Church, San Francisco	9 00
28.	Fifth Church, Little Helpers	12 25
28.	Los Gatos	1 00
28.	First Church, Oakland	2 00
	Total received	$359 30

Received while at Convention:

1887.		
May 2.	Chico	$ 2 50
3.	Fifth Church, San Francisco	6 00
4.	First Church, San Jose	4 75
	Mrs. Winfield Scott (box)	5 03
		$ 18 28
		359 30
	Total	$377 58

Disbursements.

1886.		
May 8.	Paid Treasurer balance due from last year for postage	$ 1 40
July 15.	Dea. Strong. Receipt No. 1	15 00
20.	" " " " 1½	19 25
	Post-office orders and stamps	15
Aug. 18.	Printing Minutes	16 00
Oct. 7.	Dea. Strong. Receipt No. 2	29 70
8.	" " " " 3	20 00
8.	" " " " 4	6 00
Nov. 2.	" " " " 5	10 00
	Post-office order	10
1887.		
Jan. 6.	Dea. Strong Receipt No. 6	26 00
Feb. 23.	" " " " 7	48 00
April 4.	" " " " 8	35 00
22.	" " " " 9	13 75
29.	" "	71 50
29.	" " Receipt No. 10	42 75

	Post-office order, for six previous orders	1 15
	Stationery, envelopes and stamps	75
		$337 25
	Cash on hand	2 80
	Total paid out to May 1	$ 359 30
May 4	Paid Deacon Strong	18 28
		$ 377 58

MRS. S. B. MORSE, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE LIM CHOW EDUCATIONAL FUND.

From May, 1884 to May, 1885		$ 50 00
" " 1885 " " 1886		75 00
" " 1886 " " 1887		100 00
	A balance still due to Mrs. Bradway	$ 75 00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. H. GRAY.

THE HOME FIELD.

Published quarterly by the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, in the interest of its work, and intended to furnish appropriate material for Circle and Band meetings.

Subscription price per year.....25 cents.

Subscriptions may be sent by postal note, post-office order or registered letter. The Society *cannot* be responsible for *money sent in letters.* The Associational Secretaries are requested to act as Associational Editresses, and send items of interest to the Society for publication. All communications relative to "Notes for Our Young People," and "Bureau of Supplies," are to be addressed to Mrs. J. W. Henry, Alameda, California, who will have entire charge of such departments. All other communications intended for use in "The Home Field," or lists of subscriptions, should be addressed to

MRS. R. L. W. DAVIS, 107 Ridley Street,
San Francisco, Cal.